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In School Committee, Jan. 13, 1873.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, the 13th day of January, 1873, at half past seven o'clock, P.M., by order of His Honor the Mayor, for the purpose of the organization of the Board for the present municipal year. Hon. Henry L. Pierce, President of the Board, in the chair.

Absent: Messrs. Dunning, Emery, Lloyd, Mosely, Plummer, Rankin, Stedman, Toland, and Willard. Absent.

At the request of the President, prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Lothrop. Prayer.

On motion of Mr. Allen, of Ward 1, the Chair appointed a committee of three to collect the certificates of the newly-elected members, consisting of Messrs. Allen, of Ward 1, Shattuck and Fitzgerald. The committee proceeded, and afterwards reported the names of the gentlemen from the various wards whose certificates they had received, with the terms respectively for which they were elected. The report was accepted, and said certificates were referred to the Committee on Elections. Certificates of election.

Secretary chosen.

Upon motion of Dr. Ordway, the Board proceeded to elect a Secretary. The Chair appointed Messrs. Ordway, Porter, of Ward 16, and Prescott, a committee to collect the ballots, who proceeded to that duty, and reported as follows: Whole number of ballots, 81; necessary for a choice, 41. Three persons had 1 vote each; Barnard Capen had 78, and was declared elected.

Salary of Secretary,

Upon motion of Mr. Learnard, the salary of the Secretary was fixed at $2,000.

Upon motion of Mr. Prescott: —

Rules and Regulations adopted.

Ordered, That the Rules of the School Committee and Regulations of the Public Schools of the last year be adopted as the Rules and Regulations for the present year.

Upon motion of Mr. Brown: —

Minutes to be printed.

Ordered, That the Secretary cause the Minutes of the Board to be printed and distributed in the same manner as during the past year.

Upon motion of Mr. Underwood, it was voted that the Chair appoint a committee upon the new Grammar School to be established in Ward 12.

Standing committees appointed.

The President then announced the Standing Committees of the Board for the present year, which the Board, on motion of Dr. Ordway, approved, as follows: —

Elections. — Messrs. Shattuck, *Chairman;* Curtis, Willard, Sanford, Fitzgerald, Peterson, Lane.

Rules and Regulations. — Messrs. Mason, *Chairman;* Nichols, Hobbs, Fogg, Shurtleff, Fraser, Baldwin.

Salaries. — Messrs. Brown, *Chairman;* Ira Allen, Washburn, Wm. T. Adams, Connor, Foster, Prescott.

Accounts. — Messrs. W. B. Merrill, *Chairman;* Learnard, Jr., Ricker, M. Merrill, Slade, W. P. Adams, Stedman.

Text-Books. — Messrs. Lothrop, *Chairman;* Jarvis, Hutchins, Wentworth, Cushing, Palmer, Flint.

School-Houses. — Messrs. Prescott, *Chairman;* Tucker, Noble, J. W. Porter, Monroe, Toland, (Vacancy).

Music. — Messrs. Upham, *Chairman;* Ordway, Underwood, Waterston, Flint, W. B. Merrill, Perkins.

Printing. — Messrs. Bigelow, *Chairman;* Thornton, Tucker, Rankin, G. W. Adams, Wilson, O'Kane.

Vocal and Physical Culture, and Military Drill. — Messrs. Slade, *Chairman;* Upham, Edson, Shattuck, Johnson, Woods, Filkins.

Drawing. — Messrs. Perkins, *Chairman;* Brown, Waterston, James Morse, Woods, Waldock, Bigelow.

Evening Schools. — Messrs. Curtis, *Chairman;* Ricker, Fogg, Baldwin, Waldock, W. S. Allen, McKendry.

Schools for Licensed Minors. — Messrs. Ira Allen, *Chairman;* Fennelly, Deblois, Moran, Tilden.

School for Deaf Mutes. — Messrs. Bigelow, *Chairman;* Washburn, Ira Allen, Slade, Shurtleff, Cruft, Clock.

Kindergarten School. — Messrs. Baldwin, *Chairman;* Curtis, Shattuck, Fogg, Reynolds, J. W. Porter, Wm. Read.

Industrial Schools. — Messrs. Lothrop, *Chairman;* Curtis, Shurtleff, M. Merrill, Bigelow, W. T. Adams, Learnard.

Public Latin School. — Messrs. Washburn, Moran, Jarvis, Shurtleff, Ordway, Reed, Whelton, Foster, Reynolds, Richardson, Cruft, Thayer, Geo. W. Adams, Means, Hobbs, W. T. Adams.

English High School. — Messrs. Noble, Badger, McDonough, Johnson, Maguire, Lothrop, Toland, Woods, Prescott, Mason, Waterston, Fogg, James Morse, Ira Allen, Waldock, Mosely.

Girls' High School. — Messrs. W. S. Allen, Ricker, Wentworth, Beckley, Bigelow, Perkins, Connor, Shat-

tuck, Hutchins, Flint, Deblois, W. P. Adams, Edson, E. G. Morse, Dillaway, Sanford.

Normal School. — Messrs. Hutchins, W. B. Merrill, Noble, Learnard, Ordway, Thayer, M. Merrill.

Roxbury High School. — Messrs. Plummer, W. J. Porter, Slade, Shurtleff, Colman, Curtis, Fitzgerald, Chaney, Stedman, Wm. Read, Learnard, Jr., Fogg, Tucker, M. Merrill, Hobbs, W. T. Adams.

Dorchester High School. — Messrs. W. T. Adams, M. Merrill, McKendry, Cushing, Sanford, Moseley, J. W. Porter, Dunn.

Adams School District. — Messrs. Washburn, Noble, Peterson, Plummer, W. S. Allen, Campbell, Dunn.

Bigelow School District. — Messrs. W. P. Adams, Underwood, Whelton, Connor, Fennelly, Thayer, Wilson, J. H. Allen, Toland.

Bowditch School District.—Messrs. Ordway, Reynolds, Bigelow, W. T. Adams, Maguire, Rankin, Colman, Fennelly, Leonard, Thayer, Murphy.

Bowdoin School District. — Messrs. Curtis, Jarvis, Upham, Johnson, Reed, Palmer, Wentworth, Dunn, Beckley, Quinn.

Boylston School District. — Messrs. Thornton, Reynolds, Ordway, Stedman, Maguire, Richardson, Toland, Lane, Baldwin, Colman, Chaney.

Brimmer School District. — Messrs. Brown, Hutchins, Woods, Willard, Prescott, Shattuck, Thornton, Cruft, Chaney, Filkins, Murphy.

Chapman School District. — Messrs. W. S. Allen, Noble, Washburn, Peterson, Jr., Plummer, Campbell, Dunn.

Comins School District. — Messrs. Hobbs, Seaverns, James Morse, Waldock, Dillaway, Emery, Dunning, O'Kane, Monroe, Carty.

Dearborn School District. — Messrs. James Morse, M. Merrill, Means, Ira Allen, Tucker, Geo. W. Adams, Emery, Lloyd, Seaverns, E. G. Morse, Carty.

Dwight School District. — Messrs. Learnard, Waterston, W. B. Merrill, Nichols, Mason, Baldwin, Deblois, J. W. Porter, Richardson, Cruft, Chaney.

Eliot School District. — Messrs. Ricker, Badger, Slade, W. J. Porter, Fraser, McDonough, Clock, Shurtleff, Moran, Mahan.

Everett School District. — Messrs. Waterston, Learnard, Jr., Merrill, Nichols, Mason, Deblois, Brigham, Baldwin, Cruft, Lane.

Franklin School District. — Messrs. Stedman, Learnard, Hutchins, Flint, Nichols, Brigham, Deblois, Baldwin, McKendry, Richardson, Wm. Reed, Lane.

Hancock School District. — Messrs. Slade, Ricker, Badger, McDonough, Fraser, W. J. Porter, Perkins, Moran, Mahan, Dunn, Beckley.

Lawrence School District. — Messrs. Adams, Fogg, Toland, Whelton, Connor, Fennelly, Thayer, Leonard, Fitzgerald.

Lewis School District. — Messrs. Monroe, Edson, M. Merrill, Hobbs, G. W. Adams, Tucker, Dillaway, Seaverns, Lloyd, Moseley, E. G. Morse.

Lincoln School District. — Messrs. Underwood, Fogg, W. P. Adams, Thayer, Toland, Leonard, J. H. Allen, Wilson.

Lyman School District. — Messrs. Washburn, Noble, Plummer, Ricker, W. S. Allen, Peterson, Campbell.

Mayhew School District. — Messrs. Wentworth, Slade, Clock, W. J. Porter, Palmer, Rankin, Tilden, Beckley, Mahan.

Norcross School District. — Messrs. Connor, Fogg, W. P. Adams, Underwood, Fennelly, Toland, Whelton, Thayer, Wilson, Fitzgerald.

Phillips School District. — Messrs. Johnson, Upham, Lothrop, Jarvis, Curtis, Reed, Willard, Shurtleff, Tilden, Quinn, Beckley.

Prescott School District. — Messrs. Noble, Washburn, Plummer, Fraser, Allen, Peterson, Campbell.

Quincy School District. — Messrs. Rankin, Woods, Shattuck, Reynolds, Ordway, Maguire, Thornton, Thayer, Leonard, Foster, Colman, Murphy, Fitzgerald.

Rice School District. — Messrs. Flint, W. B. Merrill, Brown, Hutchins, Prescott, Mason, Brigham, Baldwin, Read, Lane, Filkins.

Sherwin School District. — Messrs. Ira Allen, Means, Deblois, Tucker, Edson, M. Merrill, Dunning, Lloyd, Carty, O'Kane.

Shurtleff School District. — Messrs. Fogg, Underwood, W. P. Adams, Sanford, Whelton, Thayer, Connor, Shurtleff, J. H. Allen.

Washington and Dudley School District. — Messrs. Edson, Ira Allen, Means, Waldock, Monroe, G. W. Adams, Dillaway, Seaverns, Dunning, Emery, O'Kane.

Wells School District. — Messrs. Jarvis, Johnson, Clock, Shurtleff, McDonough, Slade, Reed, Wentworth, Palmer, Tilden, Quinn.

Winthrop School District. — Messrs. Shattuck, Brown, Reynolds, Ordway, Stedman, Woods, Maguire, Bigelow, Cruft, Palmer, Foster, Chaney, Filkins, Fitzgerald.

New School in Ward 12. — Messrs. Underwood, Fogg, W. P. Adams, Thayer, Toland, Leonard, J. H. Allen, Wilson.

Dorchester-Everett. — Messrs. Moseley, Cushing, Sanford, Shurtleff, Willard.

Gibson School District. — Messrs. Sanford, Cushing, Moseley, Shurtleff, Willard.

Harris School District. — Messrs. W. T. Adams, J. W. Porter, McKendry, Brown, W. S. Allen.

Mather School District. — Messrs. Cushing, Sanford, Moseley, Shurtleff, Willard.

Minot School District. — Messrs. J. W. Porter, McKendry, W. S. Allen, W. T. Adams, Brown.

Stoughton School District. — Messrs. McKendry, W. T. Adams, J. W. Porter, W. S. Allen, Brown.

Tileston School District. — Messrs. McKendry, J. W. Porter, W. S. Allen, W. T. Adams, Brown.

On motion of Dr. Shattuck: —

Manual of the Public Schools.

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to prepare and distribute to the members of this Board, as soon as practicable, a Manual of the Public Schools for the present year.

Upon motion of Mr. Brigham: —

Municipal Register.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish the members of the School Board, with the Municipal Register for the present year.

Upon motion of Mr. Allen, of Ward 1: —

Chapman and Prescott districts; boundary lines.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses and Grammar School Sections consider the expediency of changing the boundary line between the Chapman and Prescott Districts.

Upon motion of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11: —

Clerk-hire in office of Secretary.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be empowered to expend, in concurrence with the Committee on Rules and Regulations, four hundred and fifty dollars for clerk-hire in the office of the Secretary of the Board the current year.

Upon motion of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11: —

Messenger to the Board.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to employ the City Messenger to act as messenger to this Board for the present municipal year, and that the compensation therefor be three hundred dollars.

Number of members on High School Committees.

Dr. Reynolds offered the following order, and moved its reference to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, and it was so referred.

Ordered, That Chap. 1, Sect. II., of the Rules of this Board be amended as follows: —

After the words — "on evening schools" — to read: "on the Latin School, the English High School, the Girls' High School, the Roxbury High School, the Dorchester High School, and the Normal School" — omitting all other words intervening or following.

Upon motion of Mr. Underwood: —

New school district in Ward 12.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses and School Sections, consider and report upon the propriety of establishing a new Grammar School District, in that part of Ward 12 known as Washington Village, and now embraced in the Shurtleff and Bigelow Districts.

Upon motion of Dr. Ordway, adjourned.

Attest: BARNARD CAPEN,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Feb. 11, 1873.

A monthly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the 11th day of February, 1873, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.; the President of the Board in the chair.

Absent: Messrs. Chaney, Connor, Cruft, Dunn, Fennelly, Jarvis, Lloyd, Lothrop, Maguire, McKendry, Means, Moran, Nichols, Palmer, Perkins, Slade, Thornton, Underwood, Washburn, Whelton, Willard, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

The Chair made the following appointments on committees, to wit: Mr. James Reed, as chairman of the committee to prepare the Annual Report, in place of Mr. Means, who declined serving; Mr. Richardson upon the committee on School-houses, to fill a vacancy in the committee; Mr. Monroe upon the committee on the Latin School, in place of Mr. Means, who declined serving: Mr. Porter, of Ward 16, in place of Mr. Moseley, upon the committee on the Dorchester High School; and announced the transfer of Mr. Adams, of Ward 13, from the Lewis to the committee on the Washington and Dudley School District; and Mr. O'Kane, from the Washington and Dudley, to the committee on the Lewis School District, — all of which the Board confirmed. Appointments on Committees. Annual Report.

Mr. Thayer was excused, at his request, from the committees on the Bowditch and Quincy School Districts; and Mr. Chaney was appointed up the Quincy. Return of A. W. Boardman.

The Chair read a petition from A. W. Boardman, representing that his daughter and others, pupils in the Bow-

doin School, had been repeatedly kept at the school-house an excessive length of time beyond the school hours, which, in almost every case, had been followed by great bodily suffering on the part of his daughter; and asking that some order might be passed to remedy the evil.

Upon motion of Mr. Foster, the matter was referred to the Bowdoin School District Committee.

Teachers confirmed, etc.

The following teachers were then confirmed: —

Girls' High School. — Ellen M. Folsom, Lucy R. Woods, Mary J. Allison, Laura B. White and Lillie B. Holbrook.

Adams School District. — Ellen James, a Primary teacher.

Chapman School District. — Mary A. Shaw, a Primary teacher.

Gibson School. — Elizabeth E. Shove, an assistant.

Norcross School District. — Mary R. Roberts, a Primary teacher.

Rice School District. — Martha J. Porter, an assistant, and Sarah E. Bowers, a Primary teacher.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation: —

Adams School District. — Margaret E. Robbins, as sewing teacher, term of service commencing Feb. 3d.

Bowdoin School District. — Mabel West, a Primary teacher.

Boylston School District. — Emma K. Youngman, a Primary teacher, commencing Sept. 1st, 1872.

Chapman School District. — Lizzie M. Gregory, an assistant, commencing Feb. 12th, and Ada D. Prescott and Mary E. Reid, Primary teachers, commencing Jan. 2d.

Everett School District. — Almira S. Johnson, Primary teacher.

Lincoln School. — Sarah M. Tripp, an assistant, commencing Jan. 2d, and Susan Draper, an assistant.

Mayhew School District. — Fanny B. Bowers, a Primary teacher, commencing Oct. 14th, 1872.

Quincy School. — J. Martin Dill as usher, commencing Jan. 8th.

Rice School. — Cynthia M. Beckler, an assistant, commencing Dec. 2d, 1872.

Shurtleff School District. — M. L. Moody, a Primary teacher, commencing Dec. 2d, 1872, and Alice A. Bailey, a Primary teacher, commencing Dec. 3d, 1872.

Evening High School. — W. M. Olin, teacher of Stenography. Evening High School.

Dr. Shattuck read the report of the Committee on Elections upon the certificates of newly-elected members which were referred to the committee at the last meeting, giving the names of the persons elected from the several wards, with the terms for which they were respectively elected to serve. Accepted. Report of the Committee on Elections upon the certificates of members.

Mr. Hutchins, from the Committee on Text-books, reported that the committee had considered the request of the Committee on the Girls' High School, and of the Committee on the Dorchester High School, and submitted accordingly the following orders, which were severally acted upon and adopted: — Report of Committee on Text-books. Girls' High School. Dorchester High School.

Ordered, That Hutchinson's Physiology be introduced into the Girls' High School, in place of Coming's Class Book, now in use.

Ordered, That Cutter's Anatomical Charts be introduced into the Girls' High School.

Ordered, That Olney's Algebra be introduced into the Dorchester High School.

Ordered, That Hutchinson's Physiology and Cutter's Charts be introduced into the Dorchester High School.

Upon motion of Mr. Allen, of Ward 1: —

Chapman School. Miss Henshaw discharged.

Ordered, That the services of Miss Sarah A. Henshaw, an assistant in the Chapman School, be discontinued after this date, and she is hereby discharged from the service of the city in that capacity. Passed.

Dr. Reynolds offered the following: —

Public notice to be given of vacancy for place of teacher.

Ordered, That, during the municipal year, no High school committee or Grammar school committee shall nominate to this Board any male teacher, till public notice of the vacancy to be filled has been given for the period of two weeks, under the direction of the Secretary of the Board.

On motion of Dr. Ordway, the order was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, the committee to report at the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of Dr. Read: —

State Board of Examiners.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations consider and report on the expediency of petitioning the Legislature to authorize the formation of a State Board of Examiners, whose duty it shall be to examine and decide on the qualifications of candidates for positions as teachers in the public schools of this Commonwealth.

Dr. Shurtleff offered the following, and moved its reference to the Committee on Text-books, and it was so referred: —

Frothingham's Siege of Boston; and Rise of the Republic.

Ordered, That Frothingham's Siege of Boston, and Frothingham's Rise of the Republic, be placed in the High and Grammar Schools, as books of reference.

Upon motion of Mr. Adams, of Ward 12: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to loan to the Committee on the Vienna Exposition such text and reference books and such other materials as they may require for the proper representation of the Boston system of Public School Education at Vienna, should they so desire.

International Exposition at Vienna.

Upon motion of Dr. Shattuck: —

Ordered, That a committee of nine be appointed by the President of this Board, to take charge of the Annual School Festival in July, the committee to be announced at the next meeting of the Board.

Annual. School Festival; Committee.

On motion of Dr. Allen, of Ward 14: —

Ordered, That Hillard's Series of Readers, and Worcester's Spellers, be introduced into the Grammar and Primary classes of the Highland District, in place of Sargent's, now used in those schools; provided that the change shall be made gradual, and not completed till Dec. 1st, 1873; the books to be furnished at one-half the retail price for all books exchanged, and two-thirds the retail price when no exchange is made; — the city, in no case, giving books to the children at its own expense.

Hillard's Readers and Worcester's Spellers in the Highland District.

Mr. Noble offered the following order, and moved a suspension of the rules for its passage. The rules were suspended, and the order passed:

Prescott District; Primary School accommodations.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish the requisite accommodations for the new Primary class in the Prescott District.

Mr. Noble offered the following order: —

Ordered, That there be paid to Miss Alice Reed seventy-six dollars and fifty cents, for fifty-one days' services as a temporary teacher in the Prescott School, from Oct. 23d to December 28, 1872.

Prescott School: services of Miss Reed.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Upon motion of Mr. Noble: —

English High School: philosophical apparatus.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be requested to furnish for the use of the English High School the philosophical apparatus asked for by the head-master of said school, to an amount not exceeding two thousand dollars.

Dr. Shurtleff offered the following order: —

Vacation for Supt. of Schools: Vienna Exposition.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Schools be allowed a vacation from the middle of April to the end of September next, to attend the Vienna Exposition, with reference to its educational department, and to visit schools in Europe, to obtain information for the improvement of instruction in our schools. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Fitzgerald, Chairman of the Quincy School District Committee, offered the following order: —

Maximum number of scholars in a room.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations consider the expediency of so amending the rules of the Board that forty-two scholars shall be the maximum number in each Grammar school-room. Passed.

Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, offered the following: —

Harris school-house; alterations.

Ordered, That the City Government be requested to remove the water-closets of the Harris School-house from their present location, and rebuild them in a more suitable place in the school lot; also that a portion of the hall on the second floor of the school-house be partitioned off, so as to furnish a small room for the master's office. Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Upon motion of Mr. Adams, of Ward 16: —

Non-resident pupils in Minot, Stoughton and Tileston districts.

Ordered, That the whole subject of non-resident pupils in the Minot, Stoughton, and Tileston Districts be referred with full powers to the Committee on Accounts.

Dr. Read, of Ward 10, moved, and it was voted to take up the order passed Sept. 24th, to wit: —

Ordered, That a committee of seven, to consist of the chairman of each of the committees on the High schools, and three from the Board at large, be appointed, to consider and report on the expediency of so amending or changing Sect. 3, Chap. XVI. of the Rules and Regulations, that the evil at present existing on account of the applications of pupils below the first class for admission to the High schools, may be corrected; and that the Superintendent be added to the committee. High Schools: applications of pupils for admission.

The question was then taken upon the passage of the order, and the order was adopted.

Agreeably to the order, the Chair appointed "from the Board at large" Messrs. Read, of Ward 10, Reynolds, and Mason.

Upon motion of Mr. Prescott: —

Ordered, That the Committee on School-houses and Grammar School Sections consider and report to this Board as early as practicable, upon the expediency of rearranging the Grammar school sections in the central portion of the old city proper. Rearranging of Grammar School sections.

Upon motion of Mr. Baldwin: —

Ordered, That the matter of an alleged case of severe and unusual discipline in the English High School be referred to the committee upon that school, to investigate and report thereon at the next meeting of the Board. English High School: case of discipline.

Mr. Hutchins offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Normal School be transferred from the building of the Girls' High School to rooms in the Appleton-street Primary School building. Transfer of the Normal School.

Referred to the Committee on the Normal School, the Rice School District, and Drawing, — to report at the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11: —

School for Deaf Mutes; pay of substitutes, etc.

Ordered, That, in the absence of any provision in the Rules and Regulations relating to the payment of substitutes and temporary teachers in the School for Deaf Mutes, such teachers, who serve in the place of assistants in that school, be paid, from the commencement of the present school-year, at the rate of one dollar and seventy-five cents per day, — which is the sum paid for such service in the Girls' High School.

Prescott district: transfer of teachers.

The Board confirmed the transfer of Mary M. Foster, a Primary teacher in the Prescott School District, to the place of an assistant in the Prescott School; and of Florence H. Drew, an assistant in the Prescott School, to a Primary school in the same district.

Dr. Waldock moved a reconsideration of the order to provide for a transfer of the Normal School from the building of the Girls' High School to the Primary School-house upon Appleton street; but, before the question was put, a question arose as to whether a quorum was present, and the President directed that the roll be called.

Roll called.

The roll was called, and the following gentlemen were recorded as absent, viz.: —

Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 14, Badger, Beckley, Bigelow, Campbell, Chaney, Clock, Colman, Connor, Cruft, Cushing, Deblois, Dunn, Edson, Fennelley, Fitzgerald, Flint, Jarvis, Johnson, Lane, Lloyd, Lothrop, Maguire, Mahan, McKendry, Means, Moran, Moseley, Murphy, Nichols, Palmer, Perkins, Porter, of Ward 16, Quinn, Read, of Ward 10, Ricker, Shurtleff, Slade, Thornton, Toland, Tucker, Underwood, Upham, Washburn, Waterston, Whelton, Willard, and the President of the Common Council. Forty-nine gentlemen being absent, a quorum was not present. Thereupon the Board adjourned.

No quorum.

Attest: BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, March 11, 1873.

A quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March, 1873, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M. The President of the Board in the Chair.

Absent: Messrs. Badger, Beckley, Brigham, Campbell, Carty, Clock, Colman, Connor, Deblois, Dunning, Fennelly, Fogg, Lloyd, Maguire, McDonough, Means, Merrill, of Ward 11, Moran, Palmer, Quinn, Rankin, Sanford, Slade, Thornton, Tucker, Whelton, Wilson, Woods, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

The President read the following order as unfinished business: —

Ordered, That the petition of Gideon T. Mansfield, in relation to his daughter, be referred to the committees of the Franklin and Girls' High School, with full powers. Adopted. G. T. Mansfield's communication.

The Chair appointed Mr. Fraser upon the Bowditch School District, in place of Mr. Thayer, who declined serving. Appointment on committee.

Agreeably to the order passed at the last meeting, the Chair appointed the following gentlemen the committee of arrangements for the Annual School Festival, viz.: Messrs. Underwood, Shattuck, Wentworth, Monroe, Ordway, Prescott, Adams, of Ward 13, Porter, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 1. Committee on School Festival.

The Chair read a communication from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, asking the Board to approve and co-operate with the proposition of award- Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to

Animals: prizes for compositions.

ing prizes for compositions. Thereupon, Mr. Allen, of Ward 1, submitted the following orders: —

Ordered, That the proposition of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, to offer prizes for the best compositions of pupils of the Public Schools, on a topic relating to the objects of the Society, meets with the approval of this Board.

Ordered, That a special committee of five members be appointed to take charge of the examination of the compositions for the prizes sent in by the pupils of Boston schools.

Upon motion of Mr. Stedman, the orders were laid upon the table.

Teachers confirmed, etc.

The following teachers were confirmed: —

Bigelow School District: Emily T. Smith, a primary teacher.

Franklin School District: Margaret E. Schouler, an assistant, and Margeret Crosby, a primary teacher.

Prescott School District: Sarah T. Litchfield, an assistant, and Florence H. Drew, and Abby M. Nye, primary teachers.

Sherwin School District: Anna B. Carter, an assistant, and Lousia Ayer and Annie E. Walcott, primary teachers.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation: —

Lewis School: Mary D. Chamberlain, term of service commencing March 1st.

Lyman School: Sibylla A. Bailey, an assistant, commencing February 3d.

Rice School: Adelaide B. Smith, an assistant, commencing February 3d; and Ella F. Beach, an assistant, commencing February 10th.

Sherwin School District: Sarah L. Tewksbury, a primary teacher, commencing February 1st.

Tileston School: Emma F. Colomy, an assistant, commencing February 27th.

Evening Schools: Miss Raycroft, in North Bennet street. Evening Schools.

The Chair then called for the presentation of the Quarterly Reports. On motion of Dr. Shattuck, it was voted that the reports be submitted by their titles, except in cases in which chairmen may see fit to read their reports. The reports were then presented and accepted, with the exception of those on the Roxbury High School and the Boylston and Gibson Districts. Quarterly Reports.

In connection with the quarterly report of the committee on the English High School, Dr. Lothrop reported upon the matter of the order passed at the last meeting, relative to an alleged case of severe and unusual discipline in the English High School: that they had inquired very fully into the particular facts of the case; but they found that, to judge correctly of this, in all its relations, of the legitimate consequences with which it should be visited, it was expedient to extend their examination farther than they had already done, and asked for further time. English High School: case of discipline.

The report was accepted.

In connection with the quarterly report of the Bowdoin School District, Dr. Curtis read the report of that committee on the matter of the petition of A. W. Boardman, presented at the last meeting: that they had thoroughly investigated the matter, and that there appeared to be no trouble which the district committee are not perfectly able and willing to remedy. Petition of A. W. Boardman: Bowdoin School.

The report was accepted.

Upon motion of Mr. Hutchins: —

Ordered, That the Committee on the Normal School be authorized to report to this Board regulations for the government of the school. Normal School: regulations.

Mr. Flint offered the following: —

Rice School section: boundary of.

Ordered, that the easterly line of the Rice School section, now extending from the Boston and Albany railroad to East Brookline street, through the centre of Harrison avenue, be changed so as to extend through the centre of Washington street between the two points above named. Referred to the Committee on School Houses and School Sections; said committee, on motion of Dr. Ordway, to notify the committees on the Boylston and Rice Districts to be present at the consideration of the order.

Committee on Music: Mr. Underwood excused.

Mr. Underwood asked to be excused from serving upon the Committee on Music, and he was accordingly excused.

Mr. Hutchins, from the joint committee to whom was referred, at the last meeting, the order relative to the transfer of the Normal School, reported the following orders: —

Transfer of the Normal School.

1. *Ordered*, That the Normal School be transferred from the building of the Girls' High School to the two unoccupied rooms in the Appleton-street Primary School building, Rice District, with the joint occupancy of the hall in such way as shall not interfere with the use of the same by the classes in drawing; the permission not to prevent the occupancy of the entire building by the Primary School, whenever the number of pupils in the district shall require it.

2. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to furnish the rooms for the use of the Normal School.

Both of the orders were referred to the City Council.

Upon motion of Mr. Reed, of Ward 6: —

Annual Report; leave to print.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Annual Report have leave to print the usual number of copies, with the accompanying documents.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Salaries, reported upon the order offered Sept. 10, relative to the pay of substitutes employed during the absence of Miss Gore, recommending the passage of the order; and that one hundred and twelve dollars and fifty cents be paid Miss Gore, in accordance with the order. The order and the recommendation were both adopted.

Report of Committee on Salaries. Mary A. B. Gore; pay of substitutes.

Upon motion of Dr. Shattuck, and under a suspension of the rules for the purpose: —

Ordered, That the salary of Prof. Moses T. Brown, for his services as Superintendent of Vocal and Physical Culture in the Public Schools, be paid at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars for three months; the same as was paid to Prof. Munroe for services in the same department.

Vocal and Physical Culture; salary of M. T. Brown.

Mr. Hobbs offered the following order: —

Ordered, That further school accommodations be furnished the Francis-street school, in the Comins district. Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Comins District; school accommodations.

Mr. Perkins submitted, in writing, the quarterly report of the Committee on Drawing, and the same was accepted.

Report of Committee on Drawing.

Mr. Mason, Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, read the report of that committee upon the order, referred to them at the last meeting, to provide that committees shall give public notice of vacancies to be filled in the place of male teachers. The committee considered the matter as one of much importance in giving to this Board the advantage of a larger and more varied field from which to select teachers, and as likely to lead to good practical results; and they recommended the passage of the order slightly modified, as follows: —

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; public notice of vacancies in place of male teachers.

Ordered, That no High-school committee or Grammar-school committee shall nominate to this Board any male

teacher till public notice of the vacancy to be filled shall have been given for the period of two weeks, under the direction of the Secretary of the Board. The order as recommended by the committee was at first adopted; afterwards, upon motion of Mr. Washburn, the Board reconsidered the vote whereby said order was adopted. The order being again under consideration, Mr. Learnard moved an amendment to the order by adding the following: *Provided*, That any High or Grammar school committee may, in case of such a vacancy, select a teacher from a list of candidates which is the result of a previous advertisement and an examination by them made; and also moved that the order and amendment be recommitted, which motion passed.

Dr. Lothrop, from the Committee on Text-books, submitted the following order: —

Fourth Music Reader.

Ordered, That the book entitled the "Fourth Music Reader," published by Ginn Brothers, be and hereby is a permitted book for use in the two upper classes of the Grammar and the High Schools.

The order was adopted. Subsequently a motion was made to reconsider the vote adopting said order; but before taking the question thereon, the meeting dissolved for want of a quorum.

Report of Committee on School-houses: alterations in Harris School-house.

Mr. Prescott, from the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred at the last meeting the order to provide for certain alterations in connection with the Harris School-house, reported recommending the passage of said order. The question was taken upon the order, and it was adopted.

School for Deaf Mutes.

Dr. Bigelow asked and was granted leave for the Committee on the School for Deaf Mutes to report in print.

Upon motion of Mr. Brown: —

Starr King School.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to fur-

nish tablets bearing the name of the Starr King School-house, and insert them in the walls of the building. house; tablets for.

Upon motion of Mr. Brown: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Text-books consider and report upon the expediency of purchasing philsophical apparatus corresponding with the text-books now in use. Phil. Apparatus, corresponding with text-books.

Mr. Stedman offered the following order: —

Ordered, That this Board will not consider any communication from a standing committee as a report, unless said committee have passed upon it at a meeting of the committee regularly called. Reports of committees by meetings regularly called.

Referred, on motion of Dr. Waldock, to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

A question here arising as to whether a quorum was present, the Chair directed that the roll be called, whereupon it appeared that fifty-one gentlemen were present and consequently a quorum. The following gentlemen were recorded as being absent, viz.: — Roll called.

Absent: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 14, Badger, Beckley, Bigelow, Brigham, Campbell, Carty, Clock, Colman, Connor, Curtis, Deblois, Dunning, Emery, Fennelly, Fitzgerald, Fogg, Fraser, Hobbs, Jarvis, Johnson, Lloyd, Maguire, McDonough, McKendry, Means, Merrill, of Ward 11, Monroe, Moran, Moseley, Palmer, Perkins, Porter, of Ward 16, Quinn, Rankin, Ricker, Sanford, Slade, Thornton, Tucker, Underwood, Wentworth, Whelton, Wilson, Woods, and the President of the Common Council.

Upon motion of Dr. Waldock: —

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Board be instructed to notify the principal teachers of the various public schools of the city, that it is the will of the School Committee that the rule of the Board forbidding the Receiving of presents by teachers.

receiving of presents by teachers from their pupils be strictly observed; and to request them to give proper notice to this effect to the several classes.

Upon motion of Dr. Seaverns: —

Minutes of proceedings to be sent to sub-masters.

Ordered, That the Secretary be authorized to send a copy of the Minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of this Board to the several sub-masters of the public schools.

Dr. Edson offered the following order: —

Amendment of regulations proposed; one session in stormy weather.

Ordered, That Sect. 4, Chap. IX., of the Rules and Regulations, be amended by inserting the words "of the Grammar Schools," after the word "sessions" in the last line of the section. Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Baldwin offered the following order: —

Amendment of regulation proposed; lessons on Monday mornings.

Ordered, That Sect. 7, of Chap. XIII., be amended by adding to the words "no out-of school lesson shall be assigned on Saturday," the following, "and no teacher shall exact from a scholar a lesson at the opening of the school on Monday morning. Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Fourth Music Reader; reconsideration of vote.

Dr. Read, of Ward 10, moved the reconsideration of the vote by which the Board adopted the order introducing the Fourth Music Reader. Thereupon the question was raised as to whether a quorum was present, and the Chair directed that the roll be called. The roll was called and the following gentlemen were recorded as being absent, viz.: —

Roll called.

Absent: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 14, Badger, Beckley, Bigelow, Brigham, Campbell, Carty, Clock, Colman, Connor, Curtis, Deblois, Dunning, Emery, Fennelly, Fitzgerald, Fogg, Fraser, Hobbs, Jarvis, Johnson, Lloyd, Maguire, McDonough, McKendry, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, Merrill of Ward 11, Monroe, Moran, Morse, of Ward 13, Moseley,

Nichols, Palmer, Perkins, Porter, of Ward 16, Quinn, Rankin, Ricker, Sanford, Slade, Stedman, Thornton, Tucker, Underwood, Upham, Washburn, Wentworth, Whelton, Willard, Wilson, Woods and the President of the Common Council.

Forty-four gentlemen only having responded as their names were called, a quorum was not present. The meeting thereupon dissolved. No quorum.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, April 8, 1873.

A monthly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the 8th day of April, 1873, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

Absent: Messrs. Badger, Beckley, Clock, Fennelly, Fogg, Leonard, Maguire, McKendry, Merrill, of Ward 14, Merrill, of Ward 11, Moran, Palmer, Sanford, Thornton, Washburn, Whelton, and the President of the Board. Absent.

In the absence of His Honor the Mayor, President of the Board, the Secretary called the meeting to order, and requested Messrs. Shattuck, Morse and Foster to serve as a committee to collect the ballots for the choice of a President *pro tem.* The Board then balloted with the following result: whole number of ballots 54; necessary for a choice, 28. Messrs. Shattuck, Curtis and Lothrop had one vote each; Mr. Fitzgerald had two votes; Dr. Shurtleff had six; Mr. Learnard, 43; and Mr. Learnard was declared chosen. President pro tem.

The Chair stated the first business before the Board to be the motion made by Dr. Read, of Ward 10, at the last meeting, to reconsider the vote whereby the Board adopted the order introducing the Fourth Music Reader, — the question having been before the meeting when it adjourned for want of a quorum. Fourth Music Reader: reconsideration of vote.

The question upon a reconsideration was put and the motion passed. It was then, upon motion of Mr. Adams, of Ward 12, voted to recommit the subject to the Committee on Music.

Annual School Festival.

Mr. Underwood moved and it was voted to suspend the rule prescribing the order of business, to allow him to introduce a matter out of course at this time. Mr. Underwood then moved that the Annual School Festival take place on Wednesday, July 2d, and moved a suspension of the rules for the passage of the motion. The rules were suspended. The question was then taken upon the motion, and the motion passed.

Teachers confirmed, etc.

The following teachers were confirmed: —

Chapman School District: Ada D. Prescott and Mary E. Reid, Primary teachers.

Comins School District: Elizabeth Lovell and Emma Waldock, Primary teachers.

Hancock School District: Mary E. P. McNeil, an assistant, and Mary L. Desmond, a Primary teacher.

Rice School: Harriet D. Hinckley, an assistant, at the maximum salary, — the rules being suspended.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation.

Comins School District: Carrie J. Harris.

Dwight School: Sarah F. Fales and Fanny M. Nason, assistants.

Reports of Committee on Rules and Regulations: Public notice of vacancies in place of male teachers.

Mr. Mason, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, submitted and read the following reports: —

1. Upon the order which the committee reported at the last meeting, to provide that committees shall give public notice of vacancies to be filled in the place of male teachers, — which was recommitted to the committee; and the amendment proposed to the order by Mr. Learnard, — likewise referred to the committee. The committee submitted for adoption the following order: —

Ordered, That no High School or Grammar School committee shall nominate to this Board any male teacher, till public notice of the vacancy to be filled has been

given for the period of two weeks, under the direction of the Secretary of the Board; provided, however, that any such committee may, in case of such a vacancy, select a teacher from a list of candidates obtained as the result of any such advertisement published within two years previously.

Dr. Reynolds moved, and it was voted, that the order, if adopted, be made a part of Sect. 7, Chap. V. of the Rules and Regulations. Rules amended.

The question was taken upon the order, and the order passed.

2. Upon the order — March 11th — proposing a change in the regulations, to provide that in cases of a single session on stormy days the Primary Schools shall keep only till twelve o'clock instead of till one. The committee reported that they were satisfied that the gain to the pupils of the Primary Schools by remaining another hour after the usual time of dismissal is not sufficient to compensate for the inconvenience caused thereby to pupils, parents and teachers, and they recommended the passage of the order. One session of the schools in stormy weather. Rules amended.

The order was accordingly adopted.

3. Upon the order — March 11th — proposing so to amend the regulations of the Grammar Schools as to prevent teachers from exacting lessons from scholars at the opening of school on Monday morning. The committee report that the practice by the pupils of preparing lessons on the Sabbath is objectionable in many respects: they doubt whether the mental progress of the pupils is secured, to say nothing of the health of the pupils, and those considerations of a moral and religious character which should leave the pupils and teachers on the Sabbath free from their ordinary school duties; and, that the Board may take all the steps in their power to secure Lessons on Monday morning.

this, they recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That Sect. 7 of Chap. XIII. of the Rules of the School Committee be amended by adding after the words, "no out-of-school lessons shall be assigned on Saturday," the following, — "and no teacher shall exact from any scholar the recitation of any lesson for the first hour of the morning session on Monday."

Rules amended.

Dr. Reynolds moved to amend the order by striking out all after the word *scholar*, in the last line but one, and inserting as follows: "a recitation at the opening of the school on Monday morning." The motion to amend passed. The order as amended was then adopted.

Reports of Committees by meetings regularly called.

4. Upon the order — March 11th — to provide that reports from committees shall be by meetings of committees regularly called. The committee reported, "This committee do not understand how any standing committee can fairly perform their share of the duties of this Board without duly considering all matters properly referred to them, at meetings regularly called, at which all the members of such committee can have an opportunity of presenting their views on the matters in question; and this Board is entitled to the best consideration of such committee, to lighten its labors, and expedite its business." The committee recommended the passage of the order. The report was accepted, and the order adopted.

Number of members on High School Committees.

5. Upon the order — Jan. 13th — proposing to change the rules of the Board, so as to have the committees on the several High Schools and the Normal School consist of seven members each. The committee asked to be allowed further time to consider this matter, and to notify the members of the Board, so that those who might desire could appear before the committee, and present their views upon the subject. Accepted.

Mr. Prescott, Chairman of the Committee on School-houses and School-sections, — who were directed (Jan. 13th) to consider and report upon the propriety of establishing a new Grammar school district in Ward 12, — submitted and read a report of that committee upon that matter, showing the necessity, present and future, of additional school accommodations in that part of the city; and offered the following orders: — Report of Committee on School-houses, etc.

1. *Ordered*, That a new Grammar school section for boys and girls (name of the district to be hereafter decided upon) be formed at the commencement of the next school year, in that part of Ward 12 known as Washington Village, the boundaries of which shall be as follows: beginning at Dorchester Bay, running by the northerly boundary line of Ward 16, to the South Bay; thence by the water in a northerly direction, to the easterly boundary of the Norcross district; and by it to Eighth street; thence through the centre of Eighth street and G street to Dorchester Bay, and by the water to the point of beginning. New school district in Ward 12.

2. *Ordered*, That, at the next meeting of this Board, a committee on this new district be appointed, who shall, at the time of the annual election of teachers in the month of June next, nominate a master and such assistant teachers (not including sub-master or usher) for the new school as the number of pupils may warrant.

3. *Ordered*, That the new school be located in the school-house now known as the Ticknor Primary school.

The question was taken upon the orders, and they were severally adopted.

Mr. Perkins offered the following order: —

Ordered, That a sum not exceeding four hundred dollars be appropriated for the expenses of the annual exhibition of the drawings of the pupils of the public schools, under the direction of the Committee on Draw- Appropriation for Annual Exhibition of Drawings.

ing; and that the exhibition be held in connection with the State Exhibition in the month of May.

Upon motion of Mr. Brown, the rules were suspended to allow action upon the order at this time. The question being then taken upon the order, the order was adopted.

Report of Committee on English High School, on case of discipline.

Dr. Lothrop submitted and read the report of the Committee on the English High School, who were instructed, by an order of the Board, passed Feb. 11th, to investigate and report upon an alleged case of severe and unusual discipline in that school.

Minority Report.

Mr. Prescott, from the same committee, read a minority report upon the matter.

Mr. Baldwin read a communication addressed to the Board, from Moses Woolson, as the teacher against whom the charge was brought, representing that no thorough and impartial examination of the facts had yet been made, and asking that he be allowed a hearing before the committee, and that other witnesses may be summoned to prove or disprove the truth of his statements.

Upon motion of Mr. Prescott, amended by Mr. Underwood, the reports were recommitted to the same committee, with instructions to invite the master whose conduct is implicated, to be present throughout the examination of such witnesses.

Dr. Ordway offered the following: —

Superintendent of Schools.

Whereas, Our time-honored Superintendent is about to leave us for a foreign shore, to spend a few months in the interests of Education, therefore, —

Resolved, That we wish him happiness, and a safe return to us once more, and that the best of Heaven's blessings, good health, may be his lot.

The resolution was adopted.

The Board thereupon adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary*.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, May 13, 1873.

A monthly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the 13th day of May, 1873, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M., the President of the Board in the Chair.

Absent: Messrs. Campbell, Dunning, Fennelly, Fogg, Leonard, Lothrop, Maguire, Mahan, McKendry, Merrill, of Ward 11, Moran, Edward G. Morse, Nichols, Read, of Ward 10, Thornton, Whelton, Willard, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

The Chair appointed Mr. Adams, of Ward 12, upon the Committee on Music, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Underwood. Committee on Music; vacancy filled.

Agreeably to an order passed April 8th, the Chair appointed the following, as the committee upon the new school district in that part of Ward 12 known as Washington Village, viz.: Messrs. W. P. Adams, J. H. Allen, Underwood, Thayer, Fogg, Connor, Toland and Moseley. Committee on new school district in Ward 12.

The above appointments were all confirmed by the Board.

The President read a communication from Russell Sturgis, Jr., President of the Young Men's Christian Association, asking that the Association be allowed the further use of the Music Hall for the purpose of continuing the "Bazaar of the Nations," — the Music Hall having been engaged by the Committee on Music, Boston Music Hall; communication of R. Sturgis, Jr.

for the purpose of the Musical Exhibition of the Public Schools, on the 24th of May.

Upon motion of Mr. Prescott, the request was referred, with full power, to the Committee on Music.

Bryant's Celestial Indicator.

The Chair read a communication from G. M. Spenser, asking the adoption of the school apparatus known as Bryant's Celestial Indicator, or that it be placed upon the list of supplies for the public schools.

Upon motion of Mr. Brown, the paper was referred to the Committee on Text-books.

The following teachers were confirmed: —

Teachers confirmed, etc.

Lyman School District: Frances I. Dayley a Primary teacher.

Mayhew School District: Fanny B. Bowers, a Primary teacher.

Shurtleff School District: M. L. Moody and Alice A. Bailey, Primary teachers.

Washington School: Charles E. Swett, sub-master, and Marietta Rice, an assistant.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation: —

Boylston School: Emma A. Gordon, an assistant.

Dorchester-Everett School: Mary F. Thompson, master's assistant, commencing April 14.

Dudley School: Mrs. Emma A. Waterhouse, teacher of sewing, commencing April 28.

Mather School: Ellen H. Bailey, an assistant, commencing April 28th.

Minot School: Katherine M. Adams, an assistant, commencing May 1st.

Norcross School District: Emma F. Gallagher, a Primary teacher, commencing January 2d.

Prescott School District: Harriet E. Litchfield, a Primary teacher, commencing April 15th.

Sherwin School District: Mary F. Cogswell, a Primary teacher, commencing May 12.

School for Deaf Mutes: Mary F. Bigelow, an assistant, commencing May 1st. School for Deaf Mutes.

The Washington Dudley School District Committee presented the resignation of Mary V. Woodman, a Primary teacher. The same was accepted.

Dr. Bigelow submitted the resignation of Ellen L. Barton, an assistant in the School for Deaf Mutes, to take effect May 1st. The Board accepted the resignation.

Mr. Prescott submitted and read reports from the Committee on School-houses and School-sections, upon matters which had been referred to that committee, as follows: — Report of Committee on School-houses; school accommodations in the Comins District.

1. Upon the matter of further school accommodations in Francis street, Comins School District (March 11th). The committee reported in favor of the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional accommodations in the school in Francis street, Comins School District. Accepted, and the order passed.

2. Upon the order (Dec. 17th) relative to additional Primary School accommodations in the Lewis School District. The committee reported, showing the need of the accommodation asked for, and offered the following order: — Lewis School District; additional Primary accommodations.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase a lot of land, and erect thereon a Primary School building of not less than four rooms, in the vicinity of Blue Hill avenue and Quincy street.

Accepted and the order passed.

3. Upon the order — Feb. 11th — that the committee consider and report upon the expediency of rearranging the Grammar School sections in the central portion of the old city proper. Rearranging of Grammar School Sections.

The committee presented a lengthy report upon the matter, which, upon motion of Mr. Stedman, it was voted to lay upon the table, and that it be printed, and be considered by this Board at eight and one-half o'clock one fortnight from to-night.

The following orders accompanied the report: —

1. *Ordered*, That the Bowditch Grammar School-house, on South street, be surrendered to the City Council, July 2, 1873, and that the Grammar pupils of this district be transferred to the Channing building, on Cove street, at the beginning of the next school year.

2. *Ordered*, That the district committees of the Bowditch and Quincy Schools be authorized to make arrangements for the suitable accommodation of the Primary scholars in those two districts.

3. *Ordered*, That the Old Franklin School-house, on Washington street, be surrendered to the City Council, July 2, 1873, and that the Boylston School District be discontinued from and after that date.

4. *Ordered*, That the Primary Schools in the Boylston District be transferred to the Quincy District at the beginning of the next school year.

5. *Ordered*, That the boundary lines of the Quincy School District be so far extended as to include that portion of the city now included in the Boylston District.

6. *Ordered*, That the boundary line of the Winthrop School District be so far extended as to include that portion of the Boylston District lying north of the centre of Dover street.

7. *Ordered*, That the boundary lines of the Franklin School District be so far extended as to include that portion of the Boylston District lying south of the centre of Dover street.

Mr. Washburn offered the following orders: —

1. *Ordered*, That the persons who were serving as Truant Officers of this city on the 30th of April last, to wit: Chase Cole, C. E. Turner, George M. Felch, Jacob T. Beers, Phineas Bates, A. M. Leavitt, Samuel McIntosh, E. F. Mecuen, Jeremiah M. Swett, and James P. Leeds, be continued in such service from the second of May, till otherwise ordered. Truant officers.

2. *Ordered*, That the truant officers in the employ of this Board be paid for their services, at the same salary per annum as they have been receiving since the commencement of the present school year, until otherwise ordered.

Upon motion of Mr. Toland, the orders were laid upon the table. Adjournment.

Upon motion of Mr. Toland, it was voted that when the Board adjourn it be to meet two weeks from to-night at a quarter of eight o'clock.

Mr. Slade offered the following: —

Ordered, That Sect. 9, Chap. IV. of the Rules and Regulations be altered in the sixth line by substituting the word *six* for the word "three," thereby providing for six months' instructions in vocal and physical culture instead of three months, as now provided. Vocal and Physical Culture.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Dr. Curtis, Chairman of the Committee on Evening Schools, submitted the report of that committee, and the same was accepted. Report of the Committee on Evening Schools.

Upon motion of Mr. Hutchins, *Ordered*, That the Committee on the Normal School report in print to this Board what measures have been taken by the School Board, and by the City Council, for the establishment of a Normal School for the City of Boston; also, that the same committee report such recommendations as may Normal School; committee to report in print.

seem wise for the future action of this Board respecting the Normal School.

The following orders were offered, and referred to the Committee on School-houses; the first order with full powers: —

Dorchester-Everett District: Primary accommodations.

1. By Mr. Moseley. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to provide additional accommodations for Primary schools in the Dorchester-Everett School District.

Gibson District; new Primary school.

2. By Mr. Sanford. *Ordered*, That a Primary School, with one teacher, be established on or near Norfolk street, within the limits of the Gibson School District, and that the City Council be requested to provide suitable accommodations therefor.

Minot School; additional accommodations.

3. By Mr. Porter, of Ward 16. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to provide additional accommodations for the Minot School.

Lawrence District; new Primary school-house.

4. By Mr. Toland. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to purchase a lot of land and erect thereon a Primary School building for the accommodation of the Primary scholars in the Lawrence School District.

Dr. Seaverns offered the following: —

Lewis School; services of Miss Pollock.

Ordered, That the sum of fifteen dollars be paid to Miss Laura M. Pollock for services rendered by her as temporary teacher in the Lewis School from December 13th to December 24th inclusive.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Merrill, of Ward 14, offered the following: —

Normal School.

Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed and empowered to petition the General Court now in session for such legislation as may in their judgment be deemed necessary to the establishment of a Normal School by the City of Boston.

Dr. Palmer offered the following as a substitute: —

Voted, That the present school, now known by the name of the Normal School, be forthwith discontinued, and that a committee of three be appointed to petition the Legislature for authority to pay the teachers who have been hitherto employed in the Normal School.

Upon this substitute Mr. Underwood called for a division of the question; and, the question being upon the proposition to discontinue the school, it was voted to take the yeas and nays; and, the yeas and nays being taken, the following gentlemen voted yea, viz.: —

Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Badger, Brigham, Cruft, Curtis, Dillaway, Foster, Fraser, Hobbs, McDonough, Means, O'Kane, Palmer, Plummer, Ricker, Sanford, Seaverns, Waldock and Woods. — 19. And the following gentlemen voted nay, viz.: — Yeas and nays..

Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Adams, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 1, Baldwin, Brown, Carty, Chaney, Colman, Cushing, Emery, Filkins, Fitzgerald, Hutchins, Jarvis, Lane, Lloyd, Mason, Merrill, of Ward 14, Monroe, Moseley, Murphy, Noble, Ordway, Perkins, Peterson, Porter, of Ward 2, Prescott, Quinn, Rankin, Reed, of Ward 6, Reynolds, Richardson, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Slade, Stedman, Tilden, Toland, Underwood, Upham, Waterston, Wentworth and Wilson.—44.

Nineteen gentlemen voted yea, and forty-four gentlemen voted nay; so the proposition to discontinue the school was not adopted.

The question was then taken upon the proposition for the appointment of a committee, etc., and it was rejected. The question being now upon the original order, —for the appointment of a committee, etc.,—it was voted to take the question by yeas and nays; and the

yeas and nays being taken the following gentlemen voted yea, viz. : —

Yeas and nays.

Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Adams, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 12, Baldwin, Brown, Carty, Chaney, Colman, Dillaway, Emery, Filkins, Fitzgerald, Flint, Hutchins, Jarvis, Lane, Lloyd, Mason, Merrill, of Ward 14, Moseley, Murphy, Noble, Perkins, Peterson, Prescott, Rankin, Reed, of Ward 6, Richardson, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Slade, Stedman, Toland, Underwood, Upham, Waterston, Wentworth, Wilson. — 38. And the following gentlemen voted nay, viz. : —

Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 1, Brigham, Cruft, Cushing, Foster, Hobbs, McDonough, Means, Monroe, O'Kane, Ordway, Palmer, Plummer, Ricker, Sanford, Seaverns, Tilden, Waldock, Woods. — 20.

Thirty-eight gentlemen voted yea, and twenty gentlemen voted nay ; so the order was adopted.

Mr. Monroe offered the following : —

Voted, That said committee be instructed to ask the Legislature for an act to enable the City of Boston to pay the teachers hitherto employed in the Normal School. Passed.

The Chair appointed the following as the committee, agreeably to the order, viz. : Messrs. Hutchins, Wentworth and Prescott.

On motion of Dr. Shattuck, —

Salaries of masters' head-assistants.

Ordered, That the Committee on Salaries be requested to consider, and report, upon the expediency of increasing the salaries for the grade of master's head-assistant.

Upon motion of Mr. Stedman, —

English High School; case of discipline; committee to report.

Ordered, That the Committee on the English High School be instructed to report at the adjourned meeting of this Board upon the case of severe punishment occurring in that school, now being investigated by them.

Mr. Toland offered the following: —

Ordered, That a standing committee of seven be appointed, whose duty it shall be to nominate suitable persons for truant officers, for the ensuing year. Truant officers.

Mr. Adams, of Ward 12, moved an amendment to the order to provide that the Committee on Accounts be the committee.

Hereupon the question was raised as to whether a quorum was present, and the Secretary was directed to count the members, when it was found that but forty-seven gentlemen were present, and, consequently, not a quorum. The Board then, upon motion of Dr. Palmer, adjourned, agreeably to the vote already passed, to Tuesday evening, May 27th, at a quarter of eight o'clock. No quorum.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary*.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, May 27, 1873.

A Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held by adjournment, in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the 27th day of May, 1873, at a quarter of eight o'clock, P. M. The President of the Board in the Chair.

Absent: Messrs. Clock, Curtis, Dillaway, Fennelly, Fogg, Fraser, Hutchins, Leonard, Lothrop, Mahan, McDonough, McKendry, Means, Moran, Moseley, Nichols, Perkins, Read, of Ward 10, Thornton, Washburn, Whelton, Willard, Wilson, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

The Chair stated the first business in order to be the order offered by Mr. Toland, at the last meeting of the Board, and the amendment thereto, proposed by Mr. Adams, of Ward 12, to provide for the appointment of a standing committee to nominate suitable persons for truant officers (page 43 of the Minutes). Truant Officers.

Mr. Adams, of Ward 12, offered the following as a substitute for said order and amendment: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts, in conjunction with His Honor the Mayor, President of this Board, who shall be Chairman for this purpose, be empowered to nominate suitable persons for truant officers for the ensuing year, said committee to report at the June meeting.

The question being upon the above as a substitute for the original order, it was adopted. The question was then upon the order, and the order passed.

Upon motion of Mr. Adams, of Ward 12, the Board took from the table the orders offered May 13th (page

39 of the Minutes), to provide for continuing in service the persons serving as truant officers of this city on April 30th, and that they be paid the same salary as they had been receiving, etc.

The question was taken upon the two orders separately, and they were both adopted.

Petition of E. D. Jordan and others; medallion portraits of George Washington and Martha Washington; concerts by the children.

The Chair read a petition, signed by Eben D. Jordan, Martin P. Kennard, Edward W. Kinsley, and ten others, asking the Board to allow concerts to be given by the children of Boston, in aid of purchasing two original medallion portraits of George Washington and Martha Washington.

Upon motion of Mr. Adams, of Ward 12, it was voted that the petition be received and placed upon file.

Mr. Monroe offered the following order: —

Ordered, That permission be granted for a series of not more than ten concerts, in accordance with the prayer of the petitioners, by the children of the public schools, under the direction of Messrs. Eichberg and Sharland, not more than one of which shall be given by the children of any one school, provided that the consent of the local committee of each school taking part in the concerts be first obtained.

Upon motion of Mr. Adams, of Ward 12, the order was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Teachers nominated, etc.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation: —

Comins School District: Carrie J. Harris, a Primary teacher, commencing Feb. 12, 1873.

Dwight School: Fanny M. Nason, an assistant, commencing Jan. 2d; and Sarah C. Fales, an assistant, commencing Feb. 3d.

Prescott School: Clara M. George, an assistant, commencing Feb. 20th; and Georgia H. Tilden, an assistant, commencing April 14th.

Rice School District: Julia Marshall, a Primary teacher, commencing May 8th.

Dr. Shattuck presented the resignation of Miss E. V. Flagg, an assistant in the Winthrop School, taking effect May 1st.

The resignation was accepted.

Report of Committee on School-houses; rearranging of Grammar school sections.

Agreeably to assignment at the last meeting, upon motion of Mr. Stedman, the Board took up the report and orders submitted May 13th, by the Committee on School-houses, upon the subject of rearranging the Grammar School Sections in the central portion of the old city proper (page 37 of the Minutes).

On motion of Mr. Stedman, the Board took up and considered the several orders separately, and they were all successively adopted.

Surrender of a Primary school-house to the City Council.

Mr. Plummer offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the Oliver Primary School-house on Summer street, East Boston, be surrendered to the City Council, July 2, 1873.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Winthrop school; teacher of sewing.

Dr. Shattuck offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the Winthrop District Committee be allowed to employ the teacher in sewing the same time as the assistant teachers are employed; and that she be paid the maximum salary now paid the assistants in said school.

Upon motion of Mr. Learnard, the first part of the order was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations; and the second part, pertaining to the salary, to the Committee on Salaries.

Salaries of the teachers in the Boylston District.

Mr. Brown offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the salaries of the teachers of the Boylston District be continued to the end of the present school year.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, offered the following order: —

Salaries of sub-masters of the Grammar Schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Salaries consider the expediency of increasing the salaries of the sub-masters in the Grammar Schools, to the sum of twenty-two hundred dollars for the first year's service, and twenty-six hundred dollars subsequently, per annum.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Dr. Bigelow offered the following order: —

School for Deaf Mutes.

Ordered, That the Committee on the School for Deaf Mutes be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars, for the purpose of furnishing instruction in articulation to the teachers in that school.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Rules and regulations amended.

Mr. Read, of Ward 6, offered the following order, and moved a suspension of the rules, to pass it at this time. The rules were suspended, and the order was adopted, to wit: —

Ordered, That Chap. XIV., Sect. 2, of the Rules and Regulations, be amended by striking out the third sentence.

Report of Committee on Salaries; services of Miss Pollock in the Lewis School.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred (May 13th) the order to provide that the sum of fifteen dollars be paid Miss L. M. Pollock, for services in the Lewis School, reported, recommending the passage of the order. The question was taken upon the order, and it was adopted (page 40 of the Minutes).

Upon motion of Dr. Reynolds: —

Adjournment. English High School; case of discipline; committee to report.

Voted, That when this Board adjourn, it adjourn to Friday evening, June 6th, at a quarter of eight o'clock; and that the Committee on the English High School be instructed to report at that meeting upon the matter of an alleged case of severe and unusual discipline in that school, referred to them Feb. 11th.

Mr. O'Kane offered an order to provide for the suspension of the sessions of the public schools on the forenoon of Saturday following Decoration Day.

The question arising as to whether a quorum was present, the Board, upon motion of Dr. Ordway, adjourned.

Attest: BARNARD CAPEN,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 6, 1873.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held by adjournment, in the Common Council chamber, City Hall, on Friday, the 6th of June, 1873, at a quarter of eight o'clock, P. M. The President of the Board in the Chair.

Absent: Messrs. Campbell, Clock, Colman, Curtis, Fogg, Foster, Mahan, Merrill, of Ward 11, Moran, Moseley, Perkins, Peterson, Plummer, Quinn, Read, of Ward 10, Reed, of Ward 6, Thornton, Washburn, and Whelton. Absent.

Upon motion of Mr. Underwood: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Music be requested to give a repetition of the Annual Musical Exhibition during the coming week for the exclusive entertainment of the parents of the children who form the chorus. Musical Exhibition; repetition.

Upon motion of Mr. Underwood: —

Ordered, That the Chairman of the several High School and District Committees be requested as soon as possible to report to the Secretary of this Board the names of the head-masters and masters nominated by said Committees for election; and that the Secretary be directed to print a list of the same, prior to the next meeting of the Board. Names of head-masters and masters for election.

Dr. Lothrop submitted and read the report of the Committee on the English High School, to whom were recommitted, April 8th, the reports of the majority and minority of said committee, upon an alleged case of severe and unnatural discipline in the English High School. Eng. High School; Report of committee on case of discipline.

The committee reported that they had endeavored to obey their instructions and give Mr. Woolson a full and thorough hearing. He has been allowed to summon whatever witnesses he desired, and to put to them what questions he wished, and the investigation has been full and thorough, and almost everything that can be thought of, touching the internal condition and management of the English High School, and the character and conduct of its teachers, from the head-master down, has been either directly or indirectly, and more or less fully, brought under inquiry and examination; and they find, —

1. That Mr. Woolson was guilty of a violent and unwarrantable attack upon young Skillings.

2. That in administering corporal punishment in his room he has been rough, harsh, and severe in his general discipline, too often wanting in judgment and discretion.

3. That he has manifested a want of respect for the Rules in regard to discipline established by this Board.

4. That he has exhibited too often a disorganizing and disloyal spirit, which is incompatible with the discipline and interests of the school.

5. That he has manifested a want of ingenuousness in his statements and explanations about the matters referred to this committee under the order of the Board.

Voted, To accept the report, and that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Fitzgerald offered the following order: —

Printing of report of proceedings in case of Moses Woolson.

Ordered, That two hundred copies of the short-hand reports of the proceedings in the case of Mr. Woolson be printed for the use of this Board.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Dr. Reynolds offered the following: —

Reprimand of Moses Woolson, etc.

Ordered, That this Board severely reprimand Moses Woolson for cruel and unjustifiable punishment of a boy

under his care, in entire disregard of the rule of this Board; that the said Woolson be, from this date, placed upon probation, to continue in that position until the committee on the English High School shall reecommnd the Board otherwise to order.

Upon this order it was voted, on motion of Dr. Ordway, to take the yeas and nays. Yeas and nays.

Mr. Merrill, of Ward 14, moved, as a substitute for the order, that Mr. Woolson be discharged from the service of this Board.

Upon this question it was voted to take the yeas and nays; and the yeas and nays being taken the following gentlemen voted yea, viz.: — Yeas and nays.

Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Adams, of Ward 12, Badger, Carty, Filkins, Fraser, Johnson, Lloyd, Maguire, McDonough, Merrill, of Ward 14, James Morse, Murphy, Ordway, Porter, of Ward 2, Ricker, Seaverns, Tilden, Toland, Upham and Wilson. — 21. And the following gentlemen voted nay, viz.: —

Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 1, Baldwin, Beckley, Bigelow, Brigham, Brown, Chaney, Connor, Cruft, Cushing, Deblois, Dillaway, Dunn, Dunning, Edson, Emery, Fitzgerald, Flint, Hobbs, Hutchins, Jarvis, Lane, Learnard, Leonard, Lothrop, Mason, McKendry, Means, Monroe, Edward G. Morse, Nichols, Noble, O'Kane, Porter, of Ward 16, Prescott, Rankin, Reynolds, Richardson, Sanford, Shattuck, Slade, Stedman, Thayer, Tucker, Underwood, Waldock, Waterston, Wentworth, Willard and Woods. — 53.

Twenty-one gentlemen voted yea, and fifty-three gentlemen voted nay; therefore the motion did not prevail.

The question being now upon Dr. Reynolds' order, the yeas and nays were taken; and the following gentlemen voted yea, viz.: —

Yeas and nays.

Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Adams, of Ward 12, Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 1, Badger, Baldwin, Beckley, Bigelow, Brigham, Brown, Carty, Chaney, Connor, Cruft, Cushing, Deblois, Dillaway, Dunn, Dunning, Edson Emery, Filkins, Flint, Fraser, Hobbs, Jarvis, Johnson, Lane, Learnard, Leonard, Lothrop, Maguire, Mason, McKendry, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, Monroe, Edward G. Morse, James Morse, Murphy, Nichols, Noble, O'Kane, Ordway, Porter, of Ward 16, Prescott, Rankin, Reynolds, Richardson, Ricker, Sanford, Seaverns, Shattuck, Slade, Thayer, Tilden, Tucker, Underwood, Upham, Waldock, Waterston, Wentworth, Willard, Wilson and Woods, — 67. And the following gentlemen voted nay, viz: —

Messrs. Fitzgerald, Hutchins, Lloyd, McDonough, Porter, of Ward 2, Stedman and Toland, 7. Sixty-seven gentlemen voted yea, and seven gentlemen voted nay, therefore the order was adopted.

Upon motion of Mr. Sanford, amended by Dr. Seaverns: —

Exhibitions of High and Grammar Schools.

Ordered, That Chap. IX., Sect. 36, of the Rules and Regulations, be suspended so far as the time of exhibitions of the several High and Grammar Schools is thereby fixed, and that such exhibitions for the present year be held on such days after the 23d inst., and prior to July 2d, as may be fixed by the several local committees upon those schools.

Dr. Reynolds offered the following: —

Rank and pay of Sub-masters and Masters of Grammar Schools.

Ordered, That the following sentence be added to the Rules and Regulations, Chap. V., Sect. 7: "The male teacher appointed to the charge of a Grammar School District shall not have the rank and pay of sub-master, unless there be in the district at least one hundred and

fifty Grammar scholars; and shall not have the rank and pay of master if there be in the district less than three hundred Grammar scholars.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, with instructions to report at the beginning of the meeting on Tuesday next; and that the consideration of their report be specially assigned as the first business of that evening.

Upon motion of Mr. Prescott: —

Ordered, That the Committee on School-houses and Grammar School Sections consider the expediency of requesting the City Council to erect a Primary school building on the lot of land recently purchased on Newbury and Exeter streets. New Primary School-house.

Upon motion of Mr. Sanford: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be directed to consider and report upon the expediency of amending Chap. IX. Sect. 14, of the Rules and Regulations, by adding thereto the following words: — "and in no case shall corporal punishment be inflicted upon any scholar for any offence until at least twenty-four hours after the offence is committed for which such punishment is inflicted." Corporal punishment.

Mr. Sanford offered the following: —

Ordered, That Chap. IX. Sect. 14, of the Rules and Regulations, be amended by adding to the section, these words: — "corporal punishment shall not be inflicted upon any member of either of the High Schools of this city." Ditto.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Dr. Reynolds offered the following; —

Ordered, That the School Committee respectfully petition the City Council not to allow the erection of a Primary school building on the corner of Newbury and New Primary School-house.

Exeter streets, of more than six rooms; and ask that the proposed structure may conform, in the arrangement of rooms and the admission of light, to the general plan of the Poplar street Primary School-house.

Referred, with full powers, to the Committee on School-houses and School sections.

Upon motion of Mr. Stedman; —

English High School; inquiries to be made.

Ordered, That the Committee on the English High School be instructed to make inquiry whether any parties who have been before said committee for examination in regard to their qualifications as teachers, have been privately furnished with lists of questions before the examination, and if so, by whom said lists were furnished, and whether such parties so furnished are now teachers in said school, and that said committee report in full on all and any irregularities or abuses in the management of the said school.

Upon motion of Dr. Ordway: —

Resignation of a teacher

Ordered, That the resignation of Miss Caroline W. Marshall, an assistant in the Bowditch School, be accepted, to take effect on the 15th of June.

Dr. Ordway offered the following order: —

Bowditch School; salary of teacher of sewing.

Ordered, That the teacher of sewing in the Bowditch School be allowed seven hundred dollars per year, and that the committee employ said teacher in as many rooms as this amount will permit at the present rates.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Voted to confirm Mr. J. Martin Dill as usher in the Quincy School.

Adjourned.

Attest,

BARNARD CAPEN,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 10, 1873.

A quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the 10th day of June, 1873, at a quarter of eight o'clock, P. M. Ex Mayor Shurtleff in the Chair.

Absent: Messrs. Beckley, Fogg, Mahan, Moran, Rankin, Reed, of Ward 6, and Thornton. Absent.

The following teachers were confirmed: —

Bowdoin School District: Mabel West, a Primary teacher. Teachers confirmed, etc.

Chapman School: Lizzie M. Gregory, an assistant, and Annie J. Noble, sewing teacher.

Dearborn School District: Mary E. Aldrich, a Primary teacher.

Lewis School: Mary D. Chamberlain.

Lyman School: Sibylla A. Bailey, an assistant.

Norcross School District: Emma F. Gallagher, a Primary teacher.

Prescott School: Annie J. Noble, sewing teacher.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation: —

Dorchester-Everett School: M. R. Merrill, an assistant, commencing May 3d.

Eliot School District: Miss Riggin, a Primary teacher, commencing Sept. 1st.

Franklin School District: Elizabeth G. Forbush, a Primary teacher, commencing May 1st.

Hancock School District: Kate Sennott, a Primary teacher, commencing Sept. 1st.

Norcross School: Mary Dawson, an assistant, commencing April 1st; and Mary E. Downing, an assistant, commencing May 1st.

The resignations of the following teachers were presented and accepted: —

Brimmer School: Annie E. Chambers, an assistant.

Eliot School District: Sophia Shepard, a Primary teacher, to take effect at the close of the present school year.

Everett School: Sarah W. Pollard, an assistant, to take effect Sept. 1st.

Hancock School District: Lucy A. Pike, a Primary teacher, to take effect Sept. 1st.

Quarterly Reports.

The quarterly reports were received and accepted without reading, on motion of Dr. Seaverns, except the reports on the English High School, and the Bowditch, Boylston, Everett, Norcross, Phillips, and Tileston School Districts.

Voted, That the Secretary request chairmen of committees who have failed to make their reports to transmit them before the next meeting of the Board.

Reports of Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Mason, Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, submitted reports from that committee upon matters which had been referred to them.

Rank and pay of sub-masters and masters of the Grammar Schools.

1. Upon the order (June 6th) relative to the rank and pay of sub-masters of the Grammar Schools.

The committee reported that, so far as the question of rank was concerned, that teacher who is faithful in the discharge of his duty over a few pupils is equally entitled to his rank as if he taught or suprintended the teaching of thousands in the same studies, and that the effect of the order would be to excite jealousies and irritations, and that they do not, therefore, recommend the passage of the order. The report was accepted.

2. Upon the order (May 13th) proposing an alteration in the rules of the Board, to provide for six months' instruction in vocal and physical culture, instead of three months. Vocal and Physical Culture.

The committee reported that they were satisfied that the good of the school would be promoted by a longer course of instruction in this branch, and they therefore recommended the passage of the order. The report was accepted, and the order passed (page 39 of the Minutes). Rules and Regulations amended.

3. Upon the order (May 27th) to provide for a series of concerts, in accordance with the petition of E. D. Jordan and others. Concerts by the children

The committee reported that, in the present situation of all the schools, hurried and crowded as all the pupils and teachers are, the project proposed would be entirely impracticable, and that therefore they could not recommend the passage of the order. Accepted.

4. Upon the order proposing that the Winthrop School District Committee be allowed to employ the teacher of sewing the same time as the assistants are employed. Winthrop School; teacher of sewing.

The committee on that district have found that many of the girls can easily give more time to sewing than is ordinarily permitted, and that their interest will be much stimulated by adding to the usual course of instruction in sewing some information in cutting and fitting dresses, and making the same, and for this purpose more time and labor will be required of the teacher than is now allowed. "Anything which would encourage and stimulate a relish for, and practice of, industry, provided it did not interfere with the regular school work, was worthy the approval of this Board." The committee recommended the passage of the order. The report was accepted, and the order was adopted.

Corporal punishment

5. Upon the matter of corporal punishment in the schools, referred to the committee at the last meeting, the committee reported verbally, asking to be allowed further time.

Upon motion of Mr. Stedman, the committee were granted leave to report in print.

Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Salaries, asked and was granted further time for that committee to make its report.

Adjournment.

Upon motion of Mr. Prescott, it was voted that when the Board adjourn, it adjourn to Wednesday, June 18th, at a quarter of eight o'clock, P. M.

Dr. Lothrop, from the Committee on Text-books, reported as follows: —

Report of Committee on Text-books.

The Committee on Text-books having considered the various applications in regard to text-books that have been made to them, respectfully report the following orders: —

1. *Ordered*, That Bradbury's Eaton's Elementary Algebra, and Bradbury's Elementary Geometry and Trigonometry be introduced as text-books in the High Schools of the city, in the place of whatever text-books on these subjects are now used in those schools.

2. *Ordered*, That Stewart's Elementary Physics, in the place of Will's Natural Philosophy, that Bocker's Otto's French Reader, in the place of Les Princes de l'Art; Student's Classic French Plays, in the place of Readers; Schlegel's 1st German Reader, in place of Krauss' 1st Book, and Alden's Science of Government, in the place of Barber's Constitution, etc., be introduced into the Girls' High School.

3. *Ordered*, That Thalheimer's Manual of Ancient History be a permitted text-book in the Girls' High School.

4. *Ordered*, That Guyot's Physical Geography be introduced in the place of Warren's, as a text-book in the High Schools, and be a permitted book in the Grammar Schools, as the several District Committees may determine.

5. *Ordered*, That Hooker's Child's Book of Nature be introduced as a text-book in all the Grammar Schools, the classes and the mode in which it shall be used in each school to be left to the discretion of each District Committee, on consultation with the master.

6. *Ordered*, That Reclus' "Earth" and Reclus' "Ocean" be added to the list of reference books in the Grammar and High Schools.

7. *Ordered*, That Underwood's Hand-book of English Literature be a permitted book in the first class of the Grammar Schools, and in all the High Schools.

8. *Ordered*, That as the classes come forward to use the Fourth Reader in Hillard's Series, the Franklin Fourth Reader, virtually a new edition of Hillard's Fourth, with improvements and additions, be used in its place.

9. *Ordered*, That Drake's Dictionary of American Biography be added to the list of reference books for the Grammar and High Schools.

10. *Ordered*, That all the text-books now in use in the public schools be continued, save such as are displaced by any of the above orders.

Upon motion of Dr. Seaverns, amended by Dr. Shattuck, it was voted to lay the report upon the table until the next monthly meeting, and that it be printed.

Upon motion of Mr. Perkins: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Drawing be authorized to present their report in print.

Committee on Drawing to report in print.

Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, from the Committee on Accounts, agreeably to the order passed May 27th, nomi-

Truant officers.

nated the following-named persons for truant officers for the ensuing school year, viz.: Chase Cole, C. E. Turner, George M. Felch, Jacob T. Beers, Phineas Bates, A. M. Leavitt, Samuel McIntosh, E. F. Mecuen, Jeremiah M. Swett, and James P. Leeds. Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

School for Deaf Mutes. Report of Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Merrill, from the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred, May 27th, an order to provide that the Committee on the School for Deaf Mutes be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars for the purpose of furnishing instruction in articulation to the teachers in that school, reported that the order ought to pass. Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Merrill, from the Committee on Accounts, reported the following: —

Truant officers.

Ordered, That the following rule be added to Chap. IV. of the Rules and Regulations: the Committee on Accounts, in conjunction with His Honor the Mayor, who shall act as chairman for this purpose, shall nominate to this Board suitable persons for truant officers, at the regular meeting of the Board in June, or as otherwise ordered; the truant officers shall be under the direction and control of the Committee on Accounts, and through them shall make weekly reports to the Superintendent of Public Schools, and perform such other duties as the Board and committee may direct.

Mr. Merrill, from the Committee on Accounts, reported that it is inexpedient to print the report of the "proceedings in the case of Mr. Woolson." Accepted.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Upon motion of Mr. Prescott, amended by Dr. Palmer,

Nominations of teachers to

Ordered, That the nominations of the teachers in the several High Schools and Grammar School Districts ex-

cepting head-masters, and masters of Grammar Schools, be received and referred to the Committee on Accounts; said Committee to report in print, at an adjourned meeting of this Board, whether the number of pupils in the several schools warrants the election of all the teachers thus nominated; and, if not, in what schools and districts said lists should be amended.

be referred to the Committee on Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Learnard,—

Ordered, That the Committee on Salaries consider and report to the Board at an adjourned meeting to be held June 18th, upon the salaries to be paid masters of the Grammar Schools in the Dorchester District.

Salaries of masters in Dorchester District.

Upon motion of Dr. Shattuck, it was voted to proceed to elect a Superintendent of Public Schools. The Chair appointed Messrs. Merrill, of Ward 14, Johnson and Toland, a committee to collect the ballots for that purpose, who proceeded, and reported that the whole number of ballots was 73; necessary for a choice, 37. Various parties had one vote each; Larkin Dunton had 10 votes; John D. Philbrick had 57; whereby it appeared that Mr. Philbrick was elected.

Superintendent of schools elected.

On motion of Mr. Underwood, it was voted to proceed to the election of the head-masters, separately. A discussion at some length was then had in regard to the qualifications of Francis Gardner, present head-master of the Latin School, after which, upon motion of Mr. Learnard, the Board went into secret session.

Election of head-masters.

Upon motion of Dr. Reynolds,—

Voted, To proceed to consider the nomination of head-master of the Latin School. The Chair appointed Messrs. Merrill, of Ward 14, Johnson and Stedman a committee to collect the ballots for a head-master of the Latin School, who proceeded, and reported that the whole number of ballots was 81; necessary for a choice by the

rules, 50. Two parties had one vote each; two parties had two votes each; and there were 15 blanks. Francis Gardner had 59 votes, and was declared elected.

Dr. Lothrop nominated for head-master of the English High School, Charles M. Cumston. Dr. Waldock read a minority report from a portion of the Committee on the English High School, remonstrating against the nomination of the present head-master for re-election; stating the reasons therefor, and giving a brief resumé of statements made, and facts appearing at the late investigation of the English High School; after which it was voted to ballot for a head-master of said school. The Chair appointed Messrs. Merrill, of Ward 14, Johnson and Baldwin, a committee to collect the ballots. The committee proceeded, and reported that the whole number of ballots was 76; two parties had one vote each; there were 6 blanks. L. W. Anderson had 6 votes; Larkin Dunton had 15; Charles M. Cumston had 47; fifty votes being necessary for a choice, there consequently was no election. On motion of Dr. Ordway, the Board proceeded to a second ballot, the same committee collecting the ballots, with the following result. Whole number of ballots, 79; three parties had one vote each. L. W. Anderson had 5 votes; there were 6 blanks. Larkin Dunton had 18; Charles M. Cumston had 47. No person having the requisite number of votes, there was no election.

Upon motion of Mr. Prescott, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary.*

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 18, 1873.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held by adjournment in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, the eighteenth day of June, 1873, at a quarter of eight o'clock, P. M. Absent: Messrs Beckley, Brigham, Dunning, Fogg, and Merrill, of Ward 11. Absent.

The President of the Board called the meeting to order and requested Mr. Learnard to take the Chair. Mr. Learnard assumed the Chair, and presided over the meeting.

The Board being, by vote of the previous meeting, in secret session, it was, upon motion, voted that the Board resume its open session.

The Chair stated the business of the Board to be the election of a head-master of the English High School, that being the business of the Board when it adjourned at the previous meeting. Election of a head-master of the English High School.

Dr. Reynolds moved that balloting for a master of the English High School be suspended until the committee on that school have completed the investigation and reported on the matter last referred to them.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved to lay the motion upon the table.

Mr. Sanford moved and it was voted to take the yeas and nays upon this question, and the roll being called the following gentlemen voted yea, viz.: — Yeas and nays.

Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 1, Badger, Carty, Colman, Fraser, Johnson, Lloyd Maguire, McDonough, Means, Edward G. Morse,

James Morse, Nichols, O'Kane, Ordway, Porter, of Ward 2, Quinn, Rankin, Ricker, Tilden, Toland, and Whelton.

The following gentlemen voted nay, viz. : —

Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 12, Baldwin, Bigelow, Brown, Campbell, Connor, Cruft, Curtis, Cushing, Deblois, Dillaway, Dunn, Emery, Filkins, Fitzgerald, Flint, Foster, Hobbs, Hutchins, Jarvis, Lane, Leonard, Lothrop, Mahan, Mason, McKendry, Monroe, Moran, Moseley, Noble, Palmer, Perkins, Peterson, Plummer, Porter, of Ward 16, Prescott, Read, of Ward 10, Reed, of Ward 6, Reynolds, Richardson, Sanford, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Stedman, Thayer, Thornton, Tucker, Underwood, Upham, Waldock, Washburn, Waterston, Wentworth, Willard, and Woods.

Twenty-four gentlemen voted yea and fifty-seven gentlemen voted nay; so the motion to lay on the table did not prevail.

After discussion Mr. Fitzgerald moved the previous question.

Yeas and nays.

Upon this motion Mr. Sanford moved and it was voted to take the question by yeas and nays; and, the roll being called, the following gentlemen voted yea, viz. : —

Messrs. Carty, Chaney, Clock, Colman, Fitzgerald, Hobbs, Jarvis, Leonard, McDonough, James Morse, Nichols, O'Kane, Quinn, Read, of Ward 10, Shurtleff, Slade, Thayer, Toland, and Willard.

The following gentlemen voted nay, viz. : —

Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Adams, of Ward 12, Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 1, Badger, Baldwin, Bigelow, Brown, Campbell, Connor, Cruft, Curtis, Cushing, Deblois, Dillaway, Dunn, Edson, Emery, Fennelly, Filkins, Flint, Foster, Fraser, Hutchins, Johnson, Lane, Lloyd, Lothrop, Maguire, Mahan, Mason, McKendry, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, Monroe, Moran, Edward G. Morse, Mosely,

Murphy, Noble, Ordway, Palmer, Perkins, Peterson, Plummer, Prescott, Reed, of Ward 6, Reynolds, Richardson, Ricker, Sanford, Seaverns, Stedman, Tilden, Tucker, Upham, Waldock, Washburn, Waterston, Wilson, and Woods.

Nineteen gentlemen voted yea, and sixty-three gentlemen voted nay; so the motion to take the previous question did not prevail.

Mr. Prescott read a statement of some of the members of the Committee on the English High School, giving reasons why the present head-master of the school should not be re-elected, presenting the same as specific charges against the said head-master, as follows: —

1. That the head-master of the English High School for boys, in the treatment of the teachers associated with him, has not only been lacking in that courtesy of manner which should mark the intercourse of one gentleman with another, but has put insults and indignities upon the assistant teachers of the school, both regular and special, such as have seriously impaired that harmony of effort so essential to its efficiency, and have had the effect to lessen the pupils' respect for the head-master himself, and to operate injuriously upon the influence of the assistant teachers in their respective rooms; that, as the result of this action, the school is in danger of demoralization and anarchy, if it has not already nearly reached that point.

2. That the head-master has often given information by dishonorable and unfair means to the pupils, or directed teachers to do so, of the subjects and matters on which they were to be examined, so that the classes would appear better in their examinations than they were entitled, on their just merits, to appear.

3. That, in the introduction of new teachers to the

school, the head-master has used unworthy and dishonest efforts to obtain for those whom he desired to be elected unfair advantages over those who relied solely upon their merit. That, to this end he has been instrumental in furnishing to certain candidates copies of questions to be asked them at their examination, in advance of the time at which such examination was held; that he has aided, in other cases, in the amendment of answers to questions before such answers were finally submitted; and that his course in this respect had not only been a gross offence to good morals and to fair dealing, but, when his position as an instructor or example to the youth of the city is remembered, such actions deserve the severest condemnation and render him obviously unfit to be longer continued in his position.

4. That the said head-master, in place of fairly meeting and refuting these and other charges, and relying upon his reputation for usefulness in the school, has undertaken to strengthen himself for future elections by management and intrigue; that, with this purpose in view, he has, through those whom he has enlisted in his service, attempted to oppose or aid in the election of members of the School Committee, solely with a view to their favoring of his choice for his present office; that he has, in at least one instance, sent an assistant-teacher of the school to the poll for this purpose; and that, while the present investigation has been pending, he has neglected the duties of his school, and has been repeatedly and almost constantly absent for many weeks, in school hours, engaged in the effort to influence men to vote for his own re-election.

5. That the course of the said head-master in meeting these and other charges has been marked by disingenuousness and prevarication. That he has endeavored

to thwart the efforts of the Committee to procure this investigation, by failing to answer questions that have been put to him; and that in other instances he has returned answers which were not in accordance with facts, and were intended to convey, and did convey, a false impression as to his course in the school.

In view of these charges, which are endorsed by a portion of the High School Committee, it is respectfully asked that a full and fair examination as to their truth or falsity be made before an election of head-master of the English High School for boys is held by this Board.

Thereupon Mr. Sanford presented the following as a substitute for the motion made by Dr. Reynolds: —

Whereas, certain specific charges have been presented to this Board by a large minority of the English-High School Committee, affecting the character of Charles M. Cumston as a man, and his fitness to occupy the position of head-master of said school, hitherto held by him by election of this Board;

Resolved, That a committee of five members of this Board be appointed by the Chair to investigate the said charges; that the said committee be directed immediately to enter upon such investigation, and to prosecute the same with such speed as may be consistent with justice, and to report to this Board their findings in relation to said charges, together with all the evidence taken by them in relation thereto in print; that, to the end that such investigation may be fairly and fully accomplished, it is ordered that said committee serve upon said Charles M. Cumston a copy of said charges and of this resolution, attested by the Secretary of this Board, together with written notice of the time and place when and where such investigation will be commenced, that the said Charles M. Cumston may appear before and present to

the committee such evidence and argument as he may desire in relation to said charges; that said committee have full power, so far as this Board can confer the same, to require the attendance before them of such witnesses as the said minority of the High School Committee or said Charles M. Cumston may request, and to cause them to testify to all facts within their knowledge, and produce all papers competent and material either in support or denial of said charges; and that, until the report of this committee of investigation shall have been received and acted upon by this Board, no further action shall be taken by this Board for the choice of a head-master of the English High School for the ensuing year.

Yeas and nays.

The question being upon substituting the preamble and resolve for the motion of Dr. Reynolds, it was, upon motion of Mr. Sanford, voted to take the yeas and nays upon the question, and the yeas and nays being taken, the following gentlemen voted yea, viz.: —

Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 12, Baldwin, Bigelow, Brown, Campbell, Curtis, Cushing, Deblois, Dillaway, Emery, Filkins, Fitzgerald, Flint, Fraser, Hobbs, Hutchins, Jarvis, Lane, Lothrop, Mason, Monroe, Moseley, Noble, Palmer, Peterson, Prescott, Read, of Ward 10, Richardson, Sanford, Stedman, Thornton, Tucker, Waldock, Washburn, Wentworth, Willard, and Woods.

The following gentlemen voted nay, viz.: —

Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Adams, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 1, Badger, Carty, Clock, Colman, Connor, Edson, Fennelly, Johnson, Leonard, Lloyd, Maguire, Mahan, McDonough, McKendry, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, Edward G. Morse, James Morse, Murphy, Nichols, O'Kane, Ordway, Perkins, Plummer, Porter, of Ward 16, Porter, of Ward 2,

Quinn, Rankin, Reed, of Ward 6, Ricker, Seaverns, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Slade, Tilden, Toland, Waterston, Wilson, and the President of the Common Council.

Thirty-eight gentlemen voted yea, and forty-three gentlemen voted nay; so the motion was not adopted.

The question being then upon the motion made by Dr. Reynolds, on motion of Mr. Prescott it was voted to take the yeas and nays; and, the yeas and nays being taken, the following gentlemen voted yea, viz.: — Yeas and nays.

Messrs. Allen, of Ward 12, Baldwin, Brown, Curtis, Cushing, Deblois, Dillaway, Emery, Flint, Hobbs, Hutchins, Jarvis, Lane, Mason, Monroe, Moseley, Noble, Palmer, Prescott, Read, of Ward 10, Reed, of Ward 6, Richardson, Sanford, Stedman, Thornton, Tucker, Waldock, Wentworth, Willard, and Woods; and the following gentlemen voted nay, viz.: —

Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Adams, of Ward 12, Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 1, Badger, Campbell, Carty, Clock, Colman, Connor, Edson, Fennelly, Filkins, Fitzgerald, Fraser, Johnson, Leonard, Lloyd, Lothrop, Maguire, Mahan, McDonough, McKendry, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, Edward G. Morse, James Morse, Murphy, Nichols, O'Kane, Ordway, Perkins, Peterson, Porter, of Ward 16, Porter, of Ward 2, Quinn, Rankin, Ricker, Seaverns, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Slade, Tilden, Toland, Waterston, Wilson, and the President of the Common Council.

Thirty gentlemen voted yea, and forty-eight gentlemen voted nay: and the motion was not adopted.

Mr. Merrill, of Ward 14, moved that the Board proceed to ballot for the choice of a head-master of the English High School.

Upon this motion, Mr. Prescott moved, and it was voted, to take the yeas and nays, and the yeas and nays being taken, the following gentlemen voted yea, viz.: — Yeas and nays.

Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Adams, of Ward 12, Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 1, Badger, Campbell, Carty, Clock, Colman, Connor, Cushing, Edson, Filkins, Fitzgerald, Fraser, Johnson, Lane, Leonard, Lloyd, Lothrop, Maguire, Mahan, McDonough, McKendry, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, Edward G. Morse, James Morse, Murphy, Nichols, O'Kane, Ordway, Peterson, Porter, of Ward 16, Porter, of Ward 2, Quinn, Rankin, Read, of Ward 10, Ricker, Seaverns, Shurtleff, Slade, Tilden, Toland, Waterston, Wilson, and the President of the Common Council; and the following gentlemen voted nay, viz.: —

Messrs. Allen, of Ward 12, Baldwin, Bigelow, Brown, Curtis, Deblois, Dillaway, Emery, Flint, Hobbs, Hutchins, Jarvis, Mason, Monroe, Moseley, Noble, Palmer, Prescott, Reed, of Ward 6, Richardson, Sanford, Stedman, Thornton, Tucker, Waldock, Wentworth, Willard and Woods.

Forty-eight gentlemen voted yea, and twenty-eight gentlemen voted nay; and the motion was adopted.

Upon motion of Mr. Flint, it was voted that in taking the ballot a check-list of the members be used.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Deblois, Merrill, of Ward 14, and Porter, of Ward 16, a committee to collect, assort, and count the ballots.

Mr. Prescott nominated for the position Mr. Lyman R. Williston of Cambridge.

The Board then balloted, the Secretary calling the names of the members. The committee retired, and upon returning submitted the following report: —

Whole number of ballots, 81; there were two blanks. Rufus W. Anderson had one vote; Lyman R. Williston had 29 votes; Charles M. Cumston had 49 votes. No person having fifty votes, the number required for an election, there was no choice.

Upon motion of Dr. Ordway, voted that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to Wednesday, June 25th, at a quarter of eight o'clock, P. M., and that the matter before the Board be especially assigned for consideration at eight o'clock.

Upon motion of Mr. Monroe the Board adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 25, 1873.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held by adjournment in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, the twenty-fifth day of June, 1873, at a quarter of eight o'clock, P. M. The President of the Board in the chair.

Absent: Messrs. Curtis, Dunning, Fitzgerald, Fogg, Merrill of Ward 11, Upham, and Waldock. Absent.

The Chair read a communication from Frances Torrey, a primary teacher in the Winthrop School District, whose school is to be abolished at the close of the school year, asking the Board to transfer her to some other locality. Frances Torrey; petition.

The communication was placed upon file.

The Chair read a communication from Elizabeth P. Peabody, in behalf of the Boston Kindergarten Association, and others, asking "that — inasmuch as the public Kindergarten in Somerset street is accepted as a success by the sub-committee on Kindergartens — you will order Kindergartens to be gathered in the still more necessitous districts at the North End and the South End, of children over three years of age," etc. Boston Kindergarten Association. Miss E. P. Peabody's communication.

On motion of Dr. Shattuck, the petition was referred to the Committee on the Kindergarten School.

The Board at the last meeting being engaged in the annual election of Instructors, and having assigned to half-past eight o'clock this evening, the matter of the election of a head-master of the English High School, the Chair called for the nomination by the Committee on the Girls' High School; and Mr. Flint nominated for head-master of that school, Mr. Samuel Eliot. Annual election of Instructors.

The Chair appointed the same committee who served at the last meeting, to collect the ballots, viz.: Messrs. Deblois, Merrill of Ward 14, and Porter of Ward 16, who proceeded, and afterwards reported that the whole number of ballots was 67; of which Mr. Samuel Eliot had 66. Mr. Eliot was accordingly declared elected.

Normal School.

Normal School. Mr. Hutchins, in behalf of the Committee on the Normal School, nominated Mr. Larkin Dunton for head-master. Upon motion of Mr. Means, it was voted to defer action upon this matter until the Committee on the Normal School, — who were instructed, (May 13th) to report in print, to this Board, what measures have been taken by the Board, and by the City Council, for the establishment of a Normal School for the City of Boston, etc., — shall have reported.

Roxbury High School. Mr. Merrill, of Ward 14, nominated, for head-master of the Roxbury High School, Mr. Samuel M. Weston. The same committee were requested to collect the ballots, who proceeded and reported the following result: Whole number of ballots, 72; there was one blank; Ephraim Hunt had one vote; C. M. Cumston and Larkin Dunton had each two votes; Samuel M. Weston had 66 votes, and was declared chosen.

Upon motion of Mr. Monroe the Board reconsidered the vote whereby it was decided to proceed to the election of the head-masters separately, so far as it concerned the Dorchester High School.

The special assignment for this meeting being at this time in order, Mr. Merrill, of Ward 14, moved that it be postponed, and reassigned for half-past nine o'clock, and it was so voted.

Upon motion of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 14, *Voted*, To elect, upon one ballot, the head-master of the Dorchester High School, and the masters of the Grammar Schools,

excepting the masters of the Lincoln School and the new school in Washington Village.

The Board then, upon nomination of the several committees, balloted for the choice of a head-master of the Dorchester High School and (with the exceptions named) the masters of the Grammar Schools, with the following result; whole number of ballots, 81; necessary for a choice by the rules, 50. For head-master of the Dorchester High School, Elbridge Smith had 79 votes; and, for masters of the several Grammar Schools, as follows:—

Adams School — Robert C. Metcalf, 74.
Bigelow School — Thomas H. Barnes, 79.
Bowditch School — Alfred Hewins, 77.
Bowdoin School — Daniel C. Brown, 79.
Brimmer School — Joshua Bates, 79.
Chapman School — George R. Marble, 79.
Comins School — Daniel W. Jones, 79.
Dearborn School — William H. Long, 79.
Dorchester-Everett School — Roland F. Alger, 79.
Dudley School (Princ.) — Sarah J. Baker, 79.
Dwight School — James A. Page, 79.
Eliot School — Samuel W. Mason, 80.
Everett School — George B. Hyde, 79.
Franklin School — Granville B. Butnam, 80.
Gibson School — William E. Endicott, 79.
Hancock School — James W. Webster, 80.
Harris School — Edwin T. Horne, 80.
Lawrence School — Amos M. Leonard, 79.
Lewis School — Wm. L. P. Boardman, 79.
Lyman School — Hosea H. Lincoln, 78.
Mather School — Daniel B. Hubbard, 79.
Mayhew School — Samuel Swan, 80.

Minot School — Joseph T. Ward, Jr. 80.
New School, Ward 12 — C. Goodwin Clark, 74.
Norcross School — Josiah A. Stearns, 79.
Phillips School — James Hovey, 76.
Prescott School — James F. Blackington, 77.
Quincy School — E. Frank Wood, 80.
Rice School — Lucius A. Wheelock, 80.
Sherwin School — Silas C. Stone, 79.
Shurtleff School — Henry C. Hardon, 79.
Stoughton School — Edward M. Lancaster, 79.
Tileston School — Henry B. Miner, 79.
Washington School — Leverett M. Chase, 78.
Wells School — Rodney G. Chase, 68.
Winthrop School — Robert Swan, 78.

All of the foregoing, having the requisite number of votes, were declared elected.

Head-master of the English High School.

Agreeably to assignment, the subject of the election of a head-master of the English High School was taken up.

Mr. Washburn submitted the following: —

Whereas: Charges affecting the reputation of Charles M. Cumston, head-master of the English High School, as a teacher and a gentleman, have been preferred by a member of this Board; —

Resolved, That a special committee of seven be appointed by the Chair, whose duty it shall be to inquire into the same, and report to this Board the result of their investigations; and that until such report be received, further action pertaining to the election of a head-master for the English High School be suspended.

The question being upon its passage, Dr. Ordway moved to lay the resolution upon the table.

Yeas and nays.

Upon this question Mr. Learnard moved and it was voted to take the yeas and nays, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows: —

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 1, Badger, Campbell, Carty, Clock, Colman, Edson, Fennelly, Foster, Fraser, Johnson, Leonard, Lloyd, Maguire, Mahan, McDonough, McKendry, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, Edward G. Morse, James Morse, Murphy, Nichols, O'Kane, Ordway, Perkins, Peterson, Plummer, Porter, of Ward 2, Rankin, Ricker, Seaverns, Shattuck, Slade, Tilden, Toland, Waterston, Whelton, Wilson, the Mayor, and the President of the Common Council. — 43.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 12, Baldwin, Beckley, Bigelow, Brigham, Brown, Chaney, Connor, Cruft, Cushing, Deblois, Dillaway, Dunn, Emery, Filkins, Flint, Hobbs, Hutchins, Jarvis, Lane, Learnard, Mason, Monroe, Moseley, Noble, Palmer, Porter, of Ward 16, Prescott, Quinn, Read, of Ward 10, Reed, of Ward 6, Reynolds, Richardson, Sanford, Stedman, Thayer, Thornton, Tucker, Washburn, Wentworth, Willard, and Woods. — 44.

Forty-three gentlemen voted yea, and forty-four gentlemen voted nay; so the motion was not adopted.

Dr. Ordway called for a division of the question so as to take the question first upon that part of the resolution which provides for the appointment of a committee to make investigations and report; and second upon the remainder of the resolution.

After a considerable debate upon the resolution, Dr. Ordway moved and it was voted to take the previous question, viz.: upon the first part of the resolution.

Mr. Stedman moved and it was voted to take the yeas and nays, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:— Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 12, Baldwin, Beckley, Bigelow, Brigham, Brown, Chaney, Clock, Connor, Cruft, Cush-

ing, Deblois, Dillaway, Edson, Emery, Fennelly, Filkins, Flint, Hobbs, Hutchins, Jarvis, Lane, Learnard, Leonard, Mason, Monroe, Moseley, Noble, Palmer, Porter, of Ward 16, Prescott, Rankin, Read, of Ward 10, Reed, of Ward 6, Reynolds, Richardson, Sanford, Slade, Stedman, Thayer, Thornton, Toland, Tucker, Washburn, Wentworth, Whelton, Willard and Woods. — 50.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 1, Badger, Campbell, Carty, Colman, Fraser, Johnson, Lloyd, Lothrop, Maguire, Mahan, McDonough, McKendry, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, Moran, Edward G. Morse, James Morse, Murphy, Nichols, O'Kane, Ordway Perkins, Peterson, Plummer, Porter, of Ward 2, Quinn, Ricker, Seaverns, Shurtleff, Tilden, Waterston, Wilson, the Mayor, and the President of the Common Council. — 37.

Fifty gentlemen voted yea, and thirty-seven gentlemen voted nay; so the first part of the resolution was adopted.

The question was then on the latter part of the resolution, — to provide that further action pertaining to the election of a head-master of the English High School be suspended until the report of the committee shall have been received.

Yeas and nays.

Upon this it was voted to take the yeas and nays, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows: —

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Baldwin, Beckley, Bigelow, Brigham, Brown, Chaney, Cruft, Cushing, Deblois, Dillaway, Emery, Flint, Hobbs, Hutchins, Jarvis, Lane, Learnard, Mason, Monroe, Moseley, Noble, Palmer, Prescott, Read, of Ward 10, Reed, of Ward 6, Reynolds, Richardson, Sanford, Stedman, Thornton, Tucker, Washburn, Wentworth, Willard, and Woods. — 36.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Adams, of Ward

12, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 1, Badger, Campbell, Carty, Clock, Colman, Connor, Edson, Fennelly, Filkins, Fraser, Johnson, Leonard, Lloyd, Maguire, Mahan, McDonough, McKendry, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, Moran, Edward G. Morse, James Morse, Murphy, Nichols, O'Kane, Ordway, Perkins, Peterson, Plummer, Porter, of Ward 16, Porter, of Ward 2, Quinn, Rankin, Ricker, Seaverns, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Slade, Tilden, Toland, Waterston, Whelton, Wilson, the Mayor, and the President of the Common Council. — 50.

Thirty-six gentlemen voted yea, and fifty gentlemen voted nay; so the second part of the resolution was not adopted.

Mr. Learnard moved an adjournment.

Yeas and nays.

Upon this Mr. Monroe moved, and it was voted to take the yeas and nays, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows: —

Yeas: Messrs. Baldwin, Beckley, Bigelow, Brigham, Brown, Chaney, Clock, Connor, Cruft, Cushing, Deblois, Dillaway, Emery, Flint, Hobbs, Jarvis, Lane Learnard, Mason, Monroe, Moseley, Noble, Palmer, Perkins, Prescott, Read, of Ward 10, Reed, of Ward 6, Reynolds, Richardson, Sanford, Stedman, Thornton, Tucker, Wentworth, Willard, Woods, and the Mayor.— 37.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 1, Badger, Campbell, Carty, Colman, Edson, Fennelly, Filkins, Fraser, Hutchins, Johnson, Leonard, Lloyd, Lothrop, Maguire, Mahan, McDonough, McKendry, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, Moran, Edward G. Morse, James Morse, Murphy, Nichols, O'Kane, Ordway, Peterson, Plummer, Porter, of Ward 16, Porter, of Ward 2, Quinn, Rankin, Ricker, Seaverns, Shattuck, Shurtleff,

Slade, Tilden, Toland, Washburn, Waterston, Whelton, Wilson, and the President of the Common Council. — 48.

Thirty-seven gentlemen voted yea, and forty-eight gentlemen voted nay; so the motion to adjourn did not prevail.

Yeas and nays.

Dr. Ordway having moved to proceed to ballot for a head-master of the English High School, Mr. O'Kane moved the previous question thereon, upon which Mr. Sanford moved, and it was voted to take the yeas and nays; and the yeas and nays were taken as follows: —

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen of Ward 1, Badger, Campbell, Carty, Clock, Colman, Connor, Edson, Fennelly, Filkins, Fraser, Johnson, Leonard, Lloyd, Maguire, Mahan, McDonough, McKendry, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, Moran, Edward G. Morse, James Morse, Murphy, Nichols, O'Kane, Ordway, Peterson, Porter of Ward 16, Porter, of Ward 2, Rankin, Ricker, Seaverns, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Slade, Tilden, Toland, Waterston, Whelton, Wilson, and the President of the Common Council. — 45.

Nays: Messrs. Baldwin, Beckley, Bigelow, Brigham, Brown, Chaney, Cruft, Cushing, Deblois, Dillaway, Emery, Flint, Hobbs, Hutchins, Jarvis, Lane, Learnard, Mason, Monroe, Moseley, Noble, Palmer, Perkins, Prescott, Read, of Ward 10, Reed of Ward 6, Reynolds, Richardson, Sanford, Thornton, Tucker, Washburn, Wentworth, Willard, and Woods. — 35.

Forty-five gentlemen voted yea, and thirty-five gentlemen voted nay; so the motion for the previous question prevailed.

Mr. Monroe moved an adjournment.

Yeas and nays.

Upon this question it was voted to take the yeas and nays, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows: —

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Baldwin, Beckley, Bigelow, Brigham, Brown, Chaney, Clock, Cruft, Cushing, Deblois, Dillaway, Emery, Flint, Hobbs, Jarvis, Lane, Learnard, Mason, Monroe, Moseley, Noble, Palmer, Plummer, Prescott, Read, of Ward 10, Reed of Ward, 6, Reynolds, Richardson, Sanford, Thornton, Tucker, Washburn, Wentworth, Willard, and Woods. — 36.

Nays: Messrs. Adams of Ward 13, Allen of Ward 14, Allen of Ward 1, Badger, Carty, Colman, Connor, Edson, Fennelly, Filkins, Fraser, Hutchins, Johnson, Leonard, Lloyd, Lothrop, Maguire, Mahan, McDonough, McKendry, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, Moran, Edward G. Morse, James Morse, Murphy, Nichols, O'Kane, Ordway, Peterson, Porter, of Ward 16, Porter, of Ward 2, Quinn, Rankin, Ricker, Seaverns, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Slade, Tilden, Toland, Whelton, Wilson, and the President of the Common Council. — 44.

Thirty-six gentlemen voted yea, and forty-four gentlemen voted nay; so the motion to adjourn did not prevail.

Upon the main question, — as to proceeding to ballot for the choice of a head-master of the English High School, Dr. Reynolds moved, and it was voted, to take the yeas and nays; and the yeas and nays were taken, as follows: — Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 1, Badger, Carty, Clock, Colman, Edson, Fennelly, Filkins, Fraser, Johnson, Leonard, Lloyd, Lothrop, Maguire, Mahan, McDonough, McKendry, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, Moran, Edward G. Morse, James Morse, Murphy, Nichols, O'Kane, Ordway, Peterson, Plummer, Porter, of Ward 2, Quinn, Rankin, Ricker, Seaverns, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Slade,

Tilden, Toland, Waterston, Whelton, Wilson, and the President of the Common Council. — 44.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Baldwin, Beckley, Bigelow, Brigham, Brown, Chaney, Connor, Cruft, Cushing, Deblois, Dillaway, Emery, Flint, Hobbs, Hutchins, Jarvis, Lane, Learnard, Mason, Monroe, Moseley, Noble, Palmer, Porter, of Ward 16, Prescott, Read, of Ward 10, Reed, of Ward 6, Reynolds, Richardson, Sanford, Thornton, Tucker, Washburn, Wentworth, Willard, and Woods. — 37.

Forty-four gentlemen voted yea, and thirty-seven gentlemen voted nay; so it was decided to proceed to ballot.

Mr. Flint moved that in taking the ballot a check-list be used.

Yeas and nays.

Mr. Monroe moved, and it was voted, to take the yeas and nays upon the question; and the yeas and nays were taken, as follows: —

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 1, Badger, Baldwin, Beckley, Brigham, Carty, Chaney, Clock, Colman, Connor, Cruft, Cushing, Dillaway, Edson, Emery, Fennelly, Filkins, Flint, Fraser, Hobbs, Hutchins, Jarvis, Lane, Learnard, Leonard, Lloyd, Lothrop, Mahan, Mason, McKendry, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, Monroe, Moran, Murphy, O'Kane, Ordway, Palmer, Peterson, Porter, of Ward 2, Prescott, Quinn, Read, of Ward 10, Reed, of Ward 6, Reynolds, Richardson, Ricker, Sanford, Seaverns, Shattuck, Slade, Thornton, Tilden, Toland, Tucker, Wentworth, Whelton, Willard, and Wilson. — 62.

Nays: Messrs. Brown, Johnson, McDonough, Edward G. Morse, and James Morse. — 5.

Sixty-two gentlemen voted yea, and five gentlemen voted nay; and the motion of Mr. Flint was adopted.

Mr. Merrill, of Ward 14, moved, and it was voted, to adjourn to Tuesday, July 1st, at seven and three-quarters o'clock, P. M.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

In School Committee, July 1, 1873.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held by adjournment in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the first day of July, 1873, at a quarter of eight o'clock, P. M. The President of the Board in the Chair.

Absent: Messrs. Dunning, Fogg, Upham, Waldock, and Willard. Absent.

The Chair appointed, agreeably to the resolution passed June 25th, the following as the committee to inquire into the charges affecting the reputation of Charles M. Cumston, head-master of the English High School, viz.: Messrs. Washburn, Palmer, W. T. Adams, Fitzgerald, Chaney, Slade, and Edson; and the appointment was confirmed. Committee of Inquiry as to charges against the head-master, English High School.

The Chair stated the business of the meeting to be, in accordance with the vote of the Board previous to its adjournment at the last meeting, to ballot for the choice of a head-master of the English High School. Election of a head-master of the English High School.

The Chair appointed the same committee who served at the last meeting, to collect the ballots, viz.: Messrs. Deblois, Merrill, of Ward 14, and Porter, of Ward 16.

Mr. Prescott withdrew the name of Lyman R. Williston, whom he nominated as a candidate for the position at the last meeting, and then nominated Prof. John Bascom and advocated his election.

The Board then proceeded to ballot, the Secretary calling the names of the members; and the committee having retired afterwards reported: Whole number of votes, 81; necessary for a choice, 50; there were five Ballot.

blanks. Joshua Bates and Larkin Dunton had one vote each; John Bascom had 28; Charles M. Cumston had 46. Accordingly there was no choice.

Mr. Allen, of Ward 1, moved that the Board proceed to another ballot.

Mr. Prescott offered the following order as a substitute for the motion of Mr. Allen: —

Ordered, That all further balloting for head-master of the English High School be postponed until the report of the investigating committee, appointed by His Honor the Mayor, this evening, is received and acted upon.

Upon this the yeas and nays were ordered; and Dr. Ordway called for the previous question, which was ordered, viz.: upon the substitute; and the yeas and nays were taken, as follows: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Baldwin, Beckley, Bigelow, Brigham, Brown, Chaney, Cruft, Curtis, Cushing, Deblois, Dillaway, Dunn, Emery, Fitzgerald, Flint, Hobbs, Hutchins, Jarvis, Lane, Learnard, Mason, Merrill, of Ward 11, Monroe, Moseley, Noble, Palmer, Porter, of Ward 16, Prescott, Read, of Ward 10, Reed, of Ward 6, Reynolds, Richardson, Sanford, Stedman, Thornton, Tucker, Washburn, and Wentworth. — 39.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Adams, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 1, Badger, Campbell, Carty, Colman, Connor, Edson, Fennelly, Filkins, Foster, Fraser, Johnson, Leonard, Lloyd, Lothrop, Maguire, Mahan, McDonough, McKendry, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, Moran, Edward G. Morse, James Morse, Murphy, Nichols, O'Kane, Ordway, Perkins, Peterson, Plummer, Porter, of Ward 2, Quinn, Rankin, Ricker, Seaverns, Shurtleff, Slade, Thayer, Tilden, Toland, Waterston, Whelton, Wilson, and the President of the Common Council. — 49.

So the substitute proposed was not adopted.

The question then being upon the original motion — to proceed to another ballot — Mr. Monroe moved and it was voted to take the yeas and nays.

Mr. Prescott moved to adjourn, and called for the yeas and nays upon the motion, and the yeas and nays were ordered and taken as follows: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Beckley, Bigelow, Brigham, Cruft, Curtis, Deblois, Emery, Flint, Jarvis, Moseley, Palmer, Prescott, Sanford, Stedman, Thornton, and Woods. — 16.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Adams, of Ward 12, Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 1, Badger, Campbell, Carty, Chaney, Colman, Connor, Cushing, Dillaway, Dunn, Fennelly, Filkins, Fitzgerald, Foster, Fraser, Hutchins, Johnson, Lane, Leonard, Lloyd, Lothrop, Maguire, Mahan, Mason, McDonough, McKendry, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, Merrill, of Ward 11, Moran, Edward G. Morse, James Morse, Murphy, Nichols, Noble, O'Kane, Ordway, Perkins, Peterson, Plummer, Porter, of Ward 16, Porter, of Ward 2, Quinn, Rankin, Read, of Ward 10, Reed, of Ward 6, Reynolds, Richardson, Ricker, Seaverns, Shurtleff, Slade, Thayer, Tilden, Toland, Tucker, Washburn, Waterston, Wentworth, Wilson, and the President of the Common Council. — 66.

So the motion to adjourn did not prevail.

The question now being upon proceeding to another ballot, Mr. Sanford moved to lay the motion upon the table; and, upon the Chair deciding that the motion was not adopted, Mr. Sanford doubted the decision, and called for the yeas and nays, to solve the doubt; and the yeas and nays were taken, as follows: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Baldwin, Beckley, Bigelow, Brigham, Brown, Chaney, Cruft, Curtis,

Cushing Deblois, Dillaway, Dunn, Emery, Flint, Hutchins, Jarvis, Lane, Learnard, Mason, Merrill, of Ward 11, Monroe, Palmer, Prescott, Read, of Ward 10, Reynolds, Richardson, Sanford, Stedman, Thornton, Tucker, Washburn, and Woods. — 33.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Adams, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 1, Badger, Campbell, Carty, Colman, Connor, Edson, Fennelly, Filkins, Foster, Fraser, Johnson, Leonard, Lloyd, Lothrop, Maguire, Mahan, McDonough, McKendry, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, Moran, Edward G. Morse, James Morse, Murphy, Nichols, O'Kane, Ordway, Perkins, Peterson, Plummer, Porter, of Ward 16, Porter, of Ward 2, Quinn, Rankin, Ricker, Seaverns, Shurtleff, Slade, Thayer, Tilden, Toland, Waterston, Whelton, Wilson, and the President of the Common Council. — 49.

Thirty-three gentlemen voted yea, and forty-nine gentlemen voted nay; and the motion to lay upon the table was not carried.

The question was now taken upon the motion to proceed to ballot; and the yeas and nays were taken, as follows: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Adams, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 1, Badger, Campbell, Carty, Colman, Connor, Edson, Fennelly, Filkins, Foster, Fraser, Johnson, Leonard, Lloyd, Lothrop, Maguire, Mahan, McDonough, McKendry, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, Moran, Edward G. Morse, James Morse, Murphy, Nichols, O'Kane, Ordway, Perkins, Peterson, Plummer, Porter, of Ward 2, Quinn, Rankin, Ricker, Seaverns, Shurtleff, Slade, Thayer, Tilden, Toland, Waterston, Whelton, Wilson, and the President of the Common Council. — 49.

Nays: Messrs, Adams, of Ward 16, Baldwin, Beck-

ley, Bigelow, Brigham, Brown, Chaney, Cruft, Curtis, Cushing, Deblois, Dillaway, Emery, Fitzgerald, Flint, Hobbs, Hutchins, Jarvis, Lane, Learnard, Mason, Merrill, of Ward 11, Monroe, Noble, Palmer, Porter, of Ward 16, Prescott, Read, of Ward 10, Reed, of Ward 6, Reynolds, Richardson, Sanford, Stedman, Thornton, Tucker, Wentworth and Woods. — 37.

Forty-nine gentlemen voted yea, and thirty-seven gentlemen voted nay; so the motion to proceed to ballot was adopted.

Mr. Flint moved that a check-list be used. Upon this motion Mr. Prescott called for the yeas and nays, which were taken as follows; —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 1, Badger, Baldwin, Bigelow, Brigham, Brown, Chaney, Colman, Cruft, Curtis, Cushing, Dillaway, Dunn, Edson, Emery, Flint, Fraser, Hobbs, Hutchins, Jarvis, Lane, Learnard, Leonard, Mason, Murphy, Noble, Ordway, Palmer, Peterson, Prescott, Quinn, Read, of Ward 10, Reed, of Ward 6, Reynolds, Richardson, Ricker, Seaverns, Slade, Thornton, Tilden, Toland, Tucker, Whelton, Woods, and the President of the Common Council. — 48.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Campbell, Deblois, Fitzgerald, Johnson, Lloyd, Lothrop, Mahan, McDonough, McKendry, Merrill, of Ward 14, Edward G. Morse, James Morse, Nichols, O'Kane, Perkins, Plummer, Rankin, Shurtleff, Thayer and Waterston.—21.

Forty-eight gentlemen voted yea, and twenty-one gentlemen voted nay; and the motion was adopted.

Mr. Stedman moved that the Board adjourn, and called for the yeas and nays upon the motion. The yeas and nays were ordered, and taken as follows: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Baldwin, Beckley, Bigelow, Brigham, Brown, Chaney, Cruft, Curtis, Cushing, Deblois, Dillaway, Dunn, Emery, Flint, Lane, Mason, Palmer, Prescott, Read, of Ward, 10, Sanford, Stedman, Thornton, Tucker and Woods. — 24.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 1, Badger, Campbell, Carty, Colman, Edson, Filkins, Fitzgerald, Fraser, Johnson, Leonard, Lloyd, Lothrop, Maguire, Mahan, McDonough, McKendry, Means, Moran, Edward G. Morse, James Morse, Murphy, Nichols, O'Kane, Ordway, Perkins, Peterson, Plummer, Porter, of Ward 16, Porter, of Ward 2, Quinn, Rankin, Richardson, Ricker, Seaverns, Slade, Thayer, Tilden, Toland, Washburn, Waterston, Whelton, Wilson and the President of the Common Council. — 47.

So the motion to adjourn was lost, twenty-four gentlemen having voted yea, and forty-seven gentlemen having voted nay.

Ballot.

The Board then proceeded to ballot; the same committee serving to collect the ballots, and with the following result: whole number of ballots, 86; blanks, 7. Joshua Bates and Larkin Dunton had each one vote; John Bascom had 28, Charles M. Cumston had 49; and there was no choice, no person having 50 votes.

Report of the Committee on the English High School.

Mr. Washburn moved, and it was voted to hear the report of the Committee on the English High School.

Dr. Lothrop then submitted and read the report of that committee.

Minority Report.

Mr. Prescott, in behalf of several members of the Committee on the English High School, presented and read a minority report, dissenting from the conclusions arrived at by the majority of the committee, in the con-

sideration of the order referred to them by the Board June 6th.

Mr. Merrill, of Ward 14, moved that the report of the committee (the majority) be laid upon the table.

Upon motion of Mr. Prescott, the yeas and nays were taken upon this motion, as follows: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 1, Carty, Clock, Colman, Connor, Edson, Fennelly, Filkins, Foster, Fraser, Johnson, Leonard, Lloyd, Lothrop, Maguire, McDonough, McKendry, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, Moran, Edward G. Morse, James Morse, Murphy, Nichols, O'Kane, Ordway, Peterson, Porter, of Ward 16, Quinn, Rankin, Read, of Ward 10, Ricker, Seaverns, Shurtleff, Slade, Thayer, Tilden, Toland, Washburn, Waterston, Whelton, Wilson, and the President of the Common Council. — 46.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Adams, of Ward 16, Baldwin, Beckley, Bigelow, Brigham, Chaney, Cruft, Curtis, Deblois, Dillaway, Emery, Fitzgerald, Flint, Hobbs, Hutchins, Jarvis, Lane, Learnard, Mason, Monroe, Noble, Palmer, Perkins, Plummer, Prescott, Reed, of Ward 6, Reynolds, Richardson, and Sanford. — 30.

Forty-six gentlemen voted yea, and thirty gentlemen nay; and the motion to lay the report upon the table passed.

Dr. Ordway moved to proceed again to ballot for the choice of a head-master of the English High School, and moved the previous question thereon.

Mr. Sanford moved to lay the motion upon the table, and on that motion called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and were taken as follows: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Baldwin, Beckley, Bigelow, Brigham, Brown, Chaney, Cruft, Curtis, Deblois, Dillaway, Emery, Flint, Hutchins, Lane,

Learnard, Mason, Monroe, Palmer, Prescott, Read of Ward 10, Reynolds, Richardson, and Sanford. — 24.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Adams, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 1, Campbell, Carty, Colman, Connor, Edson, Fennelly, Filkins, Foster, Fraser, Johnson, Leonard, Lloyd, Lothrop, Maguire, McDonough, McKendry, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, Moran, Edward G. Morse, James Morse, Nichols, O'Kane, Ordway, Perkins, Peterson, Porter, of Ward 16, Porter, of Ward 2, Quinn, Rankin, Ricker, Seaverns, Shurtleff, Slade, Thayer, Tilden, Toland, Waterston, Whelton, Wilson and the President of the Common Council. — 45.

Twenty-four gentlemen voted yea, and forty-five gentlemen voted nay; and the motion to lay upon the table was lost.

Mr. Prescott moved to adjourn, and called for the yeas and nays upon the motion; and the yeas and nays were ordered, and taken, as follows: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Baldwin, Beckley, Bigelow, Brigham, Brown, Chaney, Clock, Cruft, Curtis, Cushing, Deblois, Dillaway, Emery, Flint, Hobbs, Hutchins, Jarvis, Lane, Learnard, Maguire, Mason, Monroe, Noble, Palmer, Prescott, Read, of Ward 10, Reed, of Ward 6, Reynolds, Richardson, Sanford, Tucker and Woods. — 32.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Adams, of Ward 12, Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen of Ward 1, Badger, Campbell, Carty, Colman, Connor, Fennelly, Filkins, Fraser, Johnson, Leonard, Lloyd, Lothrop, McDonough, McKendry, Means, Merrill of Ward 14, Moran, Edward G. Morse, James Morse, Murphy, Nichols, O'Kane, Ordway, Perkins, Peterson, Porter of Ward 16, Porter of Ward 2, Quinn, Rankin, Ricker, Seaverns, Shurtleff, Slade, Thayer, Tilden,

Toland, Waterston, Whelton, Wilson and the President of the Common Council. — 45.

Thirty-two gentlemen voted yea, and forty-five gentlemen voted nay; so the motion to adjourn was lost.

The question was now on ordering the main question, viz., on the motion of Dr. Ordway, to proceed to ballot, which was taken by yeas and nays, as follows: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Adams, of Ward 12, Adams of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 1, Campbell, Carty, Clock, Colman, Edson, Fennelly, Filkins, Fraser, Johnson, Leonard, Lloyd, Lothrop, Maguire, McDonough, McKendry, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, Moran, Edward G. Morse, James Morse, Murphy, Nichols, O'Kane, Ordway, Perkins, Peterson, Porter, of Ward 2, Quinn, Rankin, Ricker, Seaverns, Shurtleff, Slade, Tilden, Toland, Waterston, Whelton, Wilson and the President of the Common Council. — 44.

Nays: Messrs. Baldwin, Beckley, Bigelow, Brigham, Brown, Chaney, Connor, Cruft, Curtis, Cushing, Deblois, Dillaway, Emery, Flint, Hobbs, Hutchins, Lane, Learnard, Mason, Monroe, Prescott, Read, of Ward 10, Reynolds, Richardson, Sanford, Thayer, Tucker, and Woods. — 28.

Forty-four gentlemen voted yea, and twenty-eight gentlemen voted nay; so the main question was ordered.

Mr. Sanford moved to adjourn, and called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and taken, as follows: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Baldwin, Beckley, Bigelow, Brigham, Brown, Chaney, Cruft, Curtis, Cushing, Deblois, Dillaway, Emery, Flint, Hutchins, Lane, Learnard, Maguire, Mason, Monroe, Noble, Palmer, Prescott, Read, of Ward 10, Reed, of Ward 6, Reynolds, Richardson, Sanford, Tucker and Woods. — 29.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Adams of Ward

12, Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 1, Campbell, Carty, Clock, Colman, Connor, Fennelly, Filkins, Fraser, Johnson, Leonard, Lloyd, Lothrop, McDonough, McKendry, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, Moran, Edward G. Morse, James Morse, Murphy, Nichols, O'Kane, Ordway, Perkins, Peterson, Porter, of Ward 16, Porter of Ward 2, Quinn, Rankin, Ricker, Seaverns, Shurtleff, Slade, Thayer, Tilden, Toland, Waterston, Wilson and the President of the Common Council. — 44.

Twenty-nine gentlemen voted yea, and forty-four gentlemen voted nay; so the motion to adjourn was not carried.

The question was then, upon the motion of Dr. Ordway, to proceed to an election.

Mr. Prescott asked to be excused from voting.

Mr. Monroe moved that Mr. Prescott be excused; and upon this question the yeas and nays were taken as follows: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Baldwin, Beckley, Bigelow, Brigham, Carty, Connor, Curtis, Cushing, Deblois, Dillaway, Fennelly, Lane, Mason, Merrill, of Ward 14, Nichols, Palmer, Rankin, Read, of Ward 10, Reynolds, Ricker, Seaverns, Shurtleff, Slade, Tilden, Wilson, Woods, and the President of the Common Council. — 27.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Adams, of Ward 12, Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen of Ward 1, Brown, Colman, Fraser, Johnson, Leonard, Lloyd, Lothrop, McDonough, McKendry, Means, Edward G. Morse, Murphy, O'Kane, Ordway, Peterson, Porter, of Ward 16, Richardson, and Sanford. — 23.

So Mr. Prescott was excused from voting, by a vote of twenty-seven yeas to twenty-three nays.

The yeas and nays were then taken on the motion of Dr. Ordway, as follows: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Adams, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 1, Campbell, Carty, Clock, Colman, Connor, Fennelly, Fraser, Johnson, Leonard, Lloyd, Lothrop, McDonough, McKendry, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, Edward G. Morse, Murphy, Nichols, O'Kane, Ordway, Perkins, Peterson, Quinn, Rankin, Read, of Ward 10, Ricker, Seaverns, Shurtleff, Slade, Toland, Waterston, Wentworth, Whelton, Wilson, and the President of the Common Council. — 39.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Baldwin, Beckley, Bigelow, Brigham, Brown, Chaney, Cruft, Curtis, Cushing, Deblois, Dillaway, Filkins, Flint, Hutchins, Lane, Learnard, Mason, Monroe, Noble, Palmer, Reed, of Ward 6, Reynolds, Richardson, Sanford, Thayer, Tilden, Tucker, and Woods. — 29.

Thirty-nine gentlemen voted yea, and twenty-nine gentlemen voted nay; so the motion to proceed to ballot was adopted.

Committee on Salaries to report in print.

Mr. Sanford moved to adjourn, but gave way to allow Mr. Brown to move that the Committee on Salaries have leave to report in print, which motion passed.

Mr. Sanford now moved that the Board adjourn to Monday evening next, at eight o'clock, and the motion passed.

Adjourned.

Attest: BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, July 7, 1873.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held by adjournment in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, the seventh day of July, 1873, at eight o'clock, P. M. The President of the Common Council in the Chair.

Absent: Messrs. Curtis, Deblois, Dunn, Fogg, Mahan, Moran, Moseley, Read, of Ward 10, Stedman, Waldock, Waterston, Whelton, and the President of the Board. Absent.

The Board at the previous meeting having voted to proceed to ballot for the choice of a head-master of the English High School, the Chair stated that that was the business now before the Board; and accordingly appointed the following committee to collect the ballots, viz.: Messrs. Merrill, of Ward 14, Porter, of Ward 16, and Fitzgerald. Election of a head-master of the English High School.

Voted, upon motion of Mr. Richardson, that a check list be used.

The Board then proceeded to ballot with the following result: Whole number of ballots, 73; there were six blanks. John Bascom had 24 votes, Charles M. Cumston, 43. No person having the required number, 50, there was no election. Ballot.

Upon motion of Dr. Ordway, voted to proceed to a second ballot. Ballot.

Voted, upon motion of Mr. Richardson, that a check list be used.

The Chair appointed the same committee to collect the ballots.

The Board then balloted with the following result: Whole number of ballots, 78; there were five blanks; there were 26 ballots for John Bascom, and 47 for Charles M. Cumston. No person having the requisite number of votes, there was no election.

Thereupon, Mr. Reed, of Ward 6, offered the following resolutions: —

Resolutions

Resolved, That all further balloting for election of head-master of the English High School be postponed until the report of the committee of seven, appointed to investigate charges made against the present head-master, shall have been made; and that, in the mean time, and until such report shall have been received and election had, Mr. Charles M. Cumston be and hereby is appointed temporary head-master, with full salary.

Resolved, That, in thus postponing the election of head-master of said school, this Board fully recognize the fact that, although serious charges have been preferred against the present head-master, he is, and should be, presumed innocent in relation thereto, until the truth of the charges is established by reliable evidence; and that the postponement of the election is not, and should not be understood to be, an expression by this Board of any judgment in relation to said charges, but simply a recognition by the Board of the fact that such charges have been preferred, and that a due regard both for the character and usefulness of Mr. Cumston, and the best interests and success of the school, render the delay proper.

The question being upon the resolutions, Dr. Ordway moved as a substitute therefor, that the Board proceed again to ballot, and moved the previous question, which was voted. The question then being upon substituting the motion of Dr. Ordway, to proceed to ballot, Mr.

Prescott moved and it was voted to take the yeas and nays, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Adams, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 1, Badger, Campbell, Carty, Clock, Colman, Connor, Dunning, Edson, Fennelly, Filkins, Fraser, Johnson, Leonard, Lloyd, Lothrop, Maguire, McDonough, McKendry, Means, Merrill of Ward 14, Edward G. Morse, James Morse, Murphy, Nichols, O'Kane, Ordway, Perkins, Peterson, Porter, of Ward 2, Rankin, Ricker, Seaverns, Shurtleff, Slade, Tilden, Toland, Wilson, and the President of the Common Council. — 43.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Baldwin Beckley, Bigelow, Brigham, Brown, Chaney, Cruft, Cushing, Dillaway, Emery, Fitzgerald, Flint, Foster, Hobbs, Hutchins, Jarvis, Lane, Learnard, Mason, Merrill, of Ward 11, Monroe, Noble, Palmer, Porter, of Ward 16, Prescott, Reed, of Ward 6, Reynolds, Richardson, Sanford, Thayer, Thornton, Tucker, Upham, Wentworth Willard, and Woods. — 37.

Forty-three gentlemen voted yea, and thirty-seven gentlemen voted nay; so the motion to proceed to ballot was adopted, as a substitute for the resolutions. The question being now upon the motion to proceed to ballot, the motion prevailed, and the Board proceeded to ballot.

Upon motion of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 14, it was voted that in balloting a check-list be used.

Ballot.

The Chair appointed the former committee to collect the ballots. The Board then balloted with the following result. Whole number of ballots, 83: there were three blanks. Larkin Dunton had one vote; John Bascom had 27; Charles M. Cumston had 51. There being a discrepancy of one vote between the number of names

checked upon the check-list and the number of ballots cast, Mr. Merrill, of Ward 14, moved that the ballot be declared void, and that the Board proceed to another ballot.

Ballot. Charles M. Cumston elected.

Another ballot was accordingly had, with the following result: Whole number of ballots, 84. Charles M. Cumston had 52; John Bascom had 28; and there were four scattering; whereby it appeared that Charles M. Cumston had the requisite number of votes, and he was accordingly declared elected.

New school at Washington Village; mastership.

Mr. Allen, of Ward 1, moved that the Board proceed to ballot for the choice of a master for the new school at Washington Village.

Mr. Allen, of Ward 12, agreeably to an order of the Board, passed April 8th, nominated for the position Mr. Leander Waterman. A question arising as to the power of the committee, under the rules of the Board, to make the nomination, Dr. Wilson moved that the rules be suspended.

Dr. Reynolds moved, as a substitute for the motion, that the committee upon that school be requested to confer with the members from the two wards numerically nearest, and report to the Board to-morrow evening, July 8th.

It was voted to substitute the motion of Dr. Reynolds for the motion to suspend the rules.

Dr. Reynolds' motion was then adopted.

Upon motion of Mr. Hutchins, it was voted that when the Board adjourn, it be to meet to-morrow evening, July 8th, at half-past seven o'clock.

Upon motion of Dr. Reynolds, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, July 8, 1873.

An adjourned and also a regular monthly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the eighth day of July, 1873, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

Absent: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Badger, Brigham, Campbell, Clock, Colman, Curtis, Deblois, Dunning, Emery, Fogg, Fraser, Hobbs, Lloyd, Maguire, Mahan, Mason, Means, Monroe, Moran, Murphy, Nichols, Palmer, Rankin, Read, of Ward 10, Stedman, Toland, Upham, Waldock, Waterston, Whelton, Willard, Woods, and the President of the Board. Absent.

In the absence of the President of the Board, the Secretary called the meeting to order, and requested Messrs. Shattuck, Plummer, and Bigelow to serve as a committee to collect the ballots for a president pro. tem.

The Board then balloted with the following result: —

Whole number of ballots, 53; necessary for a choice, 27. William H. Baldwin had 1; N. B. Shurtleff had 2; Edward O. Shepard had 22; William H. Learnard, Jr., had 28. Mr. Learnard, having the requisite number of votes, was declared chosen, and took the Chair.

The Board being engaged in the annual election of teachers, Mr. Washburn moved that the Board proceed to elect all such teachers as are elected simply by the confirmation of the Board, upon the nomination of the various committees; and the motion passed. Annual election of Instructors.

Voted: On motion of Dr. Reynolds, That, in case any male teacher is nominated for the first time, the

chairman of the committee inform the Board to that effect.

The Board then, upon the nomination of the several committees, confirmed the subordinate teachers of the various grades in the several High Schools, — excepting the English High, the committee upon which asked and were granted further time, — the Normal School, and the Grammar Schools; the teachers of the Primary Schools, the schools for Licensed Minors, the school for Deaf Mutes, and the Kindergarten School; and the supervisor and teachers of Drawing, the supervisor and teachers of Vocal Music, and the instructor in Military Drill.

Salary of Hiram Wilde.

Mr. Flint moved that the salary of Mr. Hiram Wilde, assistant teacher of Music, be $2,500 for the ensuing year. Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Girls' High School; Second master's assistant.

Mr. Flint offered the following: —

Ordered, That the position of second master's assistant be recognized and established in the Girls' High School.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Teachers confirmed, etc.

Mr. Connor nominated Miss Mary Dawson an assistant in the Norcross School for confirmation, and she was accordingly confirmed.

Mr. Washburn nominated the following masters in the Latin School on probation, to wit: Edwin T. Seaver, special teacher of Mathematics; Ernest Young, special teacher of Ancient and Modern History; Arthur I. Fiske, teacher of the Greek and Latin languages and literature; John L. Stoddard, teacher of the Greek and Latin languages and literature.

Dr. Edson presented the resignations of Helen O. Wyman, an assistant, and Mary V. Woodman, a Primary teacher in the Lewis School District, and the same were accepted; and moved that the transfer of Emma L. B. Hintz from a Primary school in the Lincoln School

District to a Primary School in the Washington and Dudley District, be confirmed; and the motion passed.

Mr. Plummer submitted the resignation of Miss Martha E. Webb, head assistant in the Adams school, to take effect June 10th, and the resignation was accepted. Resignati'n.

Mr. Flint submitted a printed programme of studies in the Girls' High School, and moved its adoption, and it was accordingly adopted. Girls' High School; Programme of studies.

Mr. Allen, of Ward 12, — in accordance with the vote of the Board at the previous meeting, — reported as candidates for the position of master of the new school at Washington Village, the names of Leander Waterman and John Jameson, and the Board accepted the report. New school at Washington Village; mastership.

Upon motion of Mr. Thayer, the Board took up the matter of the election of a master of the Lincoln School. In accordance with the rules of the Board Mr. Thayer presented the names of Alonzo G. Ham and ——— Brackett, as candidates for the position. The rules were suspended, and the Board proceeded to ballot for the choice of a master of said school. Lincoln School; master chosen.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Underwood, Connor and Beckley a committee to collect the ballots. The committee proceeded, and afterwards reported that the whole number of ballots was 58; of which 56 were for Alonzo G. Ham, — who was accordingly declared elected.

Mr. Hutchins, chairman of the committee on the Normal School, — agreeably to an order passed May 13th, instructing that committee to report in print to this Board the measures which have been taken for the establishment of a Normal School, and to report recommendations for the action of the Board respecting said school, — submitted that report and moved its acceptance. Considerable discussion was then had upon the general subject of the school; but, without taking action upon Normal School; Report of Committee.

the report, the Board, upon motion of Dr. Lothrop, agreeably to a previous motion of Dr. Ordway — which passed — adjourned to Tuesday evening, July 15th, at eight o'clock.

The committee conclude their report as follows: —

"In closing this report, the committee feel justified in presenting the following

CONCLUSIONS.

1. The Normal School was etablished, in 1852, as a part of the Public School System of Boston.

2. It was established by the City Council, on the recommendation of the School Board.

3. No action has been taken by the City Council, since that date, invalidating the legal status of this school.

4. No action on the part of the School Board, or the City Council, in regard to a High School for Girls, has in any degree affected the foundation of the Normal School.

5. The School Committee united a High School course of study with the Normal School course, and the school came to be called the Girls' High and Normal School.

6. In 1872, the School Board separated the two courses, and returned the Normal School to its original condition, as a separate school. The City Council very properly recognized the importance of this step and the legal right of the School Board to make the separation, and provided accommodations for the Normal School.

7. The statutes of the Commonwealth, and the decisions of the Supreme Court, seem to remove all doubt as to the legal right of the City of Boston, in 1852, to establish this school, and also as to the legal right and the duty of the School Board to perpetuate the same.

8. The most enlightened educators in the country regard Normal Schools as indispensable to the highest prosperity of the public schools.

9. The School Committee of Boston have decided, for *twenty-one years*, in favor of such a school.

10. The experience of *twenty-one* years has made it manifest that the Normal School should be a distinct institution, devoted wholly to the preparation of teachers.

Most of the cities and large towns in this Commonwealth, acting, as it were, by an educated instinct, have already established schools for this very purpose. Boston, whose good name has been spoken with honor wherever intelligence and sound learning have value, *will not be first to go backward*."

The committee submit the following recommendations: —

1. That the Normal School be continued under its present organization, as a distinct school, with such regulations and courses of study as this Board shall prescribe.

2. That as early as practicable, the Board seek, through the City Council, accommodations for the school, in connection with some Grammar or Primary School, in order that the Normal pupils may have an opportunity to witness the methods of instruction and discipline in a regularly organized school, and that they may become acquainted with both the general and the special features of the Boston school system.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary*.

In School Committee, July 15, 1873.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held by adjournment, in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the fifteenth day of July, 1873, at eight o'clock, P. M.

In the absence of His Honor the Mayor, Mr. Learnard, who was chosen President pro tem. at the last meeting, occupied the Chair.

Absent: Messrs. Badger, Brigham, Campbell, Chaney, Clock, Colman, Curtis, Deblois, Dunn, Flint, Fogg, Fraser, Leonard, Lothrop, Maguire, Mahan, Merrill, of Ward 11, Moran, Edward G. Morse, Moseley, Nichols, Perkins, Rankin, Reynolds, Stedman, Upham, Waldock, Waterston, and the President of the Board. Absent.

The Chair stated the business before the Board to be upon the acceptance of the report of the committee on the matter of the Normal School, submitted at the last meeting; and the question being taken thereon, the report was accepted. Normal School; report of committee accepted.

Upon the following recommendations of the committee Mr. Toland moved and it was voted to take the yeas and nays: — Recommendations adopted.

1. That the Normal School be continued under its present organization, as a distinct school, with such regulations and courses of study as this Board shall prescribe.

2. That, as early as practicable, the Board seek, through the City Council, accommodations for the school, in connection with some Grammar or Primary School, in order that the Normal pupils may have an opportunity to witness the methods of instruction and discipline in a regularly organized school, and that they may become acquainted with both the general and the special features of the Boston school system.

The yeas and nays were taken, as follows: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 12, Baldwin, Beckley, Bigelow, Brown, Connor, Cruft, Cushing, Dillaway, Dunning, Edson, Emery, Fennelly, Filkins, Foster, Hutchins, Jarvis, Johnson, Lloyd, McDonough, Merrill, of Ward 14, James Morse, Murphy, Noble, Ordway, Prescott, Quinn, Reed, of Ward 6, Richardson, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Slade, Thayer, Thornton, Tilden, Toland, Tucker, Underwood, Washburn, Wentworth, Whelton, Wilson and Woods. — 45.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Adams, of Ward 16, Carty, Fitzgerald, Hobbs, Lane, Mason, McKendry, Means, O'Kane, Peterson, Plummer, Porter, of Ward 2, Read, of Ward 10, Ricker, Sanford, Seaverns and Willard. — 18.

Normal School; head-master elected.

Forty-five gentlemen voted yea, and eighteen gentlemen voted nay; so the recommendations were adopted.

Mr. Hutchins moved and it was voted to proceed to the election of a head-master of the Normal School. The Chair appointed Messrs. Hutchins, Porter, of Ward 2, and Lane, a committee to collect the ballots, who proceeded, and afterwards reported that the whole number of ballots was 57, of which Larkin Dunton had 54. Mr. Dunton was accordingly declared elected.

New school at Washington Village; master elected.

Mr. Allen, of Ward 12, moved and it was voted to proceed to choose a master of the new school at Washington Village.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Allen, of Ward 12, Toland and Jarvis, a committee to collect the ballots. The Board then balloted with the following result: Whole number of ballots, 59. John Jameson had 23; Leander Waterman had 36. No person had the requisite number of votes, and accordingly there was no election.

After a considerable discussion upon the claims and the

qualifications of the two proposed candidates, the Board, upon motion of Mr. Adams, of Ward 12, voted to proceed to a second ballot.

The same committee served to collect the ballots, and the result of the balloting was as follows: Whole number of votes, 60. John Jameson had 17; Leander Waterman had 43. No person having fifty votes, there was no election.

Proceeded, on motion of Mr. Adams, of Ward 12, to a third ballot, and with the following result: Whole number of ballots, 60. John Jameson had 1; Leander Waterman had 59; whereupon it appeared that Mr. Waterman was elected.

Mr. Prescott offered the following: —

Ordered, That the expense incurred in taking the evidence during the recent investigation by the English High School Committee, be paid.

Eng. High School; expense of taking evidence.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts, with full powers.

Mr. Prescott, from the Committee on School-houses and School-sections, to whom the matters had been referred, reported the following orders: —

Report of Committee on School-houses.

1. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to provide additional accommodations for the Minot School.

Minot School.

2. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to provide additional accommodations for Primary Schools in the Dorchester-Everett District.

Dorchester-Everett District.

3. *Ordered*, That the Oliver Primary School-house, on Sumner street, East Boston, be and hereby is surrendered to the City Council.

Surrender of a Primary School-house to the City Council.

4. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to purchase a lot of land and erect thereon a Primary School building of not less than eight rooms, for the accomodation of scholars in the Lawrence School District.

Lawrence Schopl District; new Primary School-house.

The orders were severally adopted.

New School District at Washington Village; accommodations.

Mr. Prescott, from the same committee, also offered the following, and moved the rules be suspended for its passage. The rules were suspended, and the order was adopted, to wit: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional accommodations in the new Grammar School district in Washington Village, Ward 12.

Upon motion of Mr. Adams, of Ward 12, —

Girls' High School; apparatus for physical exercise.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to furnish suitable apparatus to the Girls' High School for the purpose of physical exercises.

Upon motion of Mr. Underwood, —

Gaston School.

Ordered, That the new Grammar School at City Point be named the Gaston School.

Eng. High School; teachers elected.

Dr. Allen, from the committee on the English High School, nominated the subordinate teachers in that school for confirmation, as follows: —

Masters. — Luther W. Anderson, Robert E. Babson, L. Hall Grandgent, Albert Hale. *Sub-masters.*—Charles B. Travis, John P. Brown, Charles J. Lincoln, Charles H. Cumston, John O. Norris, Lucius H. Buckingham, Thomas J. Emery, John F. Casey, Charles O. Whitman. *Teacher of French.* —Nicholas F. Dracopolis.

Mr. Prescott, from a minority of the committee, moved to amend the list by adding to it the names of Moses Woolson, master, and Alonzo G. Whitman, submaster; and asked for a division of the question, and moved that the yeas and nays be taken upon each of the names separately; and it was so voted.

The yeas and nays were taken upon the question of adding the name of Mr. Woolson to the proposed list, as follows: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Baldwin, Brown, Connor, Cushing, Emery, Hutchins, Lane, Mason, Monroe, Prescott, Reed,

of Ward 6, Richardson, Slade, Thayer, Underwood, Washburn, Willard and Woods. — 18.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Adams, of Ward 12, Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 1, Carty, Cruft, Dillaway, Edson, Filkins, Foster, Johnson, Lloyd, McDonough, McKendry, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, James Morse, Murphy, O'Kane, Ordway, Palmer, Peterson, Plummer, Porter, of Ward 2, Quinn, Sanford, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Thornton, Tilden, Toland, Whelton, Wilson, and the President of the Common Council. — 36.

Upon adding to the list the name of Alonzo G. Whitman, the yeas and nays were taken, as follows: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 12, Baldwin, Bigelow, Brown, Cruft, Cushing, Dillaway, Emery, Hutchins, Lane, Mason, McDonough, Monroe, Prescott, Reed, of Ward 6, Thayer, Tilden, Tucker, Underwood, Washburn, Willard and Woods. — 24.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 1, Carty, Connor, Edson, Filkins, Johnson, Lloyd, McKendry, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, James Morse, Murphy, O'Kane, Ordway, Palmer, Peterson, Plummer, Porter, of Ward 2, Quinn, Sanford, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Slade, Thornton, Toland, Whelton, Wilson, and the President of the Common Council. — 30.

So the amendment did not prevail.

The question was then taken upon confirming the list of teachers as nominated by the committee; and they were all confirmed.

Eng. High School; committee of inquiry.

The Chair read the declination of Mr. Washburn upon the committee appointed July 1st, with reference to the charges affecting the reputation of Charles M. Cumston, etc.

Mr. Washburn excused.

The question was taken upon excusing Mr. Washburn, and it was voted that he be excused.

Dr. Palmer excused.

Dr. Palmer likewise asked to be excused from serving upon the same committee, and he was excused.

Adjournment.

Upon motion of Dr. Ordway, the Board adjourned to the ninth day of September.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Sept. 9, 1873.

A quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, and also an adjourned meeting of the Board, was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the 9th day of September, 1873, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M. His Honor the Mayor in the Chair.

Absent: Messrs. Badger, Baldwin, Beckley, Campbell, Clock, Colman, Deblois, Edson, Filkins, Fogg, Fraser, Lloyd, Lothrop, Maguire, Mahan, Means, Merrill, of Ward 11, Moran, Nichols, Perkins, Prescott, Rankin, Read, of Ward 10, Shattuck, Stedman, Thayer, Toland, Tucker, Waldock, Washburn, Whelton, Willard, Wilson, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

Dr. Shurtleff, with some appropriate remarks, announced to the Board the death of Dr. William O. Johnson, a member of the Board from Ward 4; and submitted the following resolve: — Death of William O. Johnson.

Resolved, That in the decease of Dr. William Otis Johnson, which the Board most deeply regrets, the city has lost a very faithful servant, the community an ornament, and the Board a kind and intelligent associate and friend; and that the members of this committee very deeply sympathize with the bereaved widow in this her great affliction.

Upon motion of Mr. Adams, of Ward 12, the question was taken by a rising vote; and the resolve was unanimously adopted.

The Chair (the President having called Dr. Shurtleff to the chair) read a communication from the City Clerk, Normal School; communica-

tion from City Clerk.

to the effect that the "order to pay the teachers of the Normal School, so called, up to September 1st, 1873, was rejected." The communication was placed on file.

Quarterly Reports.

The Chair called for the presentation of the Quarterly Reports, which were, in part, presented, and were afterwards accepted, with the exception of the report of the Committee on the Normal School, in relation to which discussion was held.

Mr. Waterston moved that the report be recommitted.

Mr. Sanford offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the report of the Normal School be recommitted to the committee, and that the Normal School be suspended until Dec. 1, 1873.

Upon motion of Mr. Underwood, the subject was laid on the table.

Adjournment.

Upon motion of Dr. Reynolds, it was voted that when the Board adjourn, it be to meet one week from to-night.

Teachers confirmed, etc.

Miss Mary E. Downing, an assistant in the Norcross School, was confirmed.

The following teachers were nominated as serving on probation: —

Adams School District: Adeline H. Cook, Primary teacher, commencing Sept. 1.

Dearborn School District: Kate A. Nason, a Primary teacher, commencing Sept. 1, 1873.

Harris School District: Elizabeth F. Pearson, commencing Sept. 1.

Lincoln School: Henry H. Kimball, sub-master, and Frank A. Morse, usher, commencing Sept. 1; Mary E. Perkins, a Primary teacher, commencing Sept. 1.

New School District at Washington Village: Mary E. Perkins and Emma C. Perkins, assistants, and Jessie C. Tileston, a Primary teacher; — all commencing Sept. 1.

The resignations of the following teachers were presented and accepted: —

Bowdoin School District: Mary F. Grant, an assistant, and Annie K. Adams and Clementine A. Baker, Primary teachers.

Eliot School District: Sophia Shepard, a Primary teacher.

Lewis School: Martha C. Gerry, an assistant.

Mayhew School District: Alice A. Tufts, an assistant, and Harriet S. Lothrop, a Primary teacher.

Stoughton School: Catherine E. Cook, an assistant, taking effect Oct. 1st.

New School, Washington Village: Laura A. Neilson, an assistant, to take effect Sept. 6.

Upon motion of Mr. Plummer,—

Ordered, That Sarah H. Cooke, a Primary teacher in the Adams School District, be transferred to the place of assistant in the Adams School.

Upon motion of Dr. Ordway,—

Ordered, That the Board of Aldermen be requested to pave Cove street, from East street to Beach street, with wooden pavement, for the benefit of the Bowditch Grammar School. Bowditch School; paving of Cove street.

The following orders were offered, and referred to the Committee on School-houses: —

1. By Mr. Adams, of Ward 12: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to fit up an office for the master's use on the first floor of the Lincoln School building. Lincoln School; master's office.

2. By Mr. Underwood: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase land, and erect a building for a Primary School, at City Point, near O street. Land for Primary school-house at City Point.

The following orders were offered and referred to the Committee on Salaries: —

Evening High School; salary of principal.

1. By Dr. Curtis: —

Ordered, That the principal of the Evening High School receive a salary of ten dollars a night.

Lincoln School; maximum salary of sub-master.

2. By Mr. Adams of Ward 12: —

Ordered, That Mr. H. H. Kimball, sub-master in the Lincoln School, be paid the maximum salary for sub-masters, from the date of his appointment, Sept. 1, 1873, he having already served the city in that capacity for several years past.

James Robinson.

3. By Dr. Ordway: —

Ordered, That Mr. James Robinson be appointed an assistant teacher for the school year beginning in September, to perform such service and give such instruction in arithmetic and book-keeping as he may be called upon to perform by the superintendent or the chairman of any of our district committees; his salary to be the same as for the past year.

Upon motion of Mr. Mason: —

Rules and regulations to be printed.

Ordered, That a sufficient number of copies of the rules and regulations of this Board be printed for the use of the Board and of the schools.

Reports of Committee on Salaries:

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Salaries, reported upon matters which had been referred to them, to wit: —

Winthrop School; teacher of sewing.

1. Upon the order, — May 27th, — proposing to allow the Winthrop District Committee to employ the teacher of sewing for the same time the assistants are employed, and that she be paid the maximum salary of said teachers.

Boylston School; salaries of the teachers

2. Upon the order, — May 27th, — to provide that the salaries of the teachers in the Boylston School District be paid till the close of the school year.

3. Upon the order, — June 6th, — to pay the teacher of sewing in the Bowditch School seven hundred dollars per annum, and that the committee employ her in as many rooms as the salary will permit, at the present rates.

Bowditch School; teacher of sewing.

4. That the salary paid to Mr. Ward, teacher of Drawing in the Evening Drawing School in Ward 16, be six dollars per night.

Evening Drawing School in Ward 16; salary of teacher.

The committee recommended the passage of the several orders, and they were all adopted.

Upon motion of Mr. Sanford: —

Ordered, That a special committee of seven be appointed to consider and report to this Board what changes, if any, are necessary in the rules of the Board regulating the admission of scholars to the several high schools of the city, and in the examination of the schools of the city; and that such committee be directed to report thereon in print at the regular November meeting of this Board.

Admission of scholars to High Schools, and examination of schools; what changes necessary, etc.

The chair appointed as the committee, pursuant to the above order, Messrs. Sanford, Mason, Learnard, Allen, Flint, Underwood, and Reynolds. Mr. Mason declined serving upon the committee, whereupon the chair appointed Mr. Moody Merrill.

Upon motion of Mr. Brown: —

Ordered, That the Committee on the Girls' High School be authorized to print a programme of instruction in that school, with the reference made to it in the quarterly report presented to-night.

Girls' High School; programme of instruction.

Mr. Brown submitted, in print, the report of the Committee on Salaries, upon various propositions affecting the salaries of the teachers in the public schools, embracing a schedule of salaries for all of the teachers for the ensuing year.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salaries of the instructors.

Upon motion of Mr. Monroe, it was voted to postpone the consideration of the report till the next meeting of the Board.

Voted, That the Secretary request chairmen of committees who have failed to make their quarterly reports, to transmit them before the next meeting of the Board.

Adjourned, upon motion of Mr. Foster.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Sept. 16, 1873.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the 16th day of September, 1873, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M. Dr. Shurtleff in the Chair.

Absent: Messrs. Allen, of Ward 12, Beckley, Brigham, Campbell, Carty, Colman, Connor, Cushing, Deblois, Fennelly, Fogg, Fraser, Learnard, Leonard, Lloyd, Lothrop, Maguire, McDonough, Means, Merrill, of Ward 11, Moran, Murphy, Nichols, Perkins, Quinn, Richardson, Sanford, Slade, Stedman, Thornton, Toland, Waldock, Washburn, Waterston, Whelton, Willard, Wilson, and the President of the Board. Absent.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation: —

Comins School: Julia Scribner, master's head-assistant, commencing September 1st. Teachers confirmed, etc.

Quincy School: Mary L. Holland and Bridget A. Foley, assistants, commencing Sept. 1st.

Washington School: A. M. Williams, master's head-assistant.

The resignation of Ellen G. O'Leary, an assistant in the Quincy School, to take effect Oct. 1st, was presented and accepted.

Miss Harriette A. Bettis was transferred from a Primary School in the Quincy School District to the Quincy School.

Mr. Brown read the reports of the Committee on Salaries upon matters referred to them, as follows: — Reports of Committee on Salaries.

1. Upon the order (Sept. 9th) proposing to appoint Mr. James Robinson as an assistant teacher in arithmetic James Robinson.

and book-keeping, with a salary the same as for the past year.

Evening High School; salary of the principal.

2. Upon the order (Sept. 9th) proposing that the principal of the Evening High School receive a salary of ten dollars per night.

Lincoln School; salary of sub-master.

3. Upon the order (Sept. 9th) to provide that Mr. H. H. Kimball, sub-master in the Lincoln School, be paid the maximum salary of a sub-master.

The committee recommended the passage of the several orders, and they were all adopted.

Salaries of Instructors.

Mr. Brown called up the report — in print — submitted at the last meeting, of the Committee on Salaries, upon the salaries of the instructors in the public schools.

The committee proposed the following orders for adoption: —

1. *Ordered*, That the salaries of the instructors of the public schools for the ensuing school year be fixed in accordance with schedule B, with the exception of the salaries of the evening school teachers and the salary of the teachers of music in the Primary Schools.

2. *Ordered*, That the Committee on Salaries be authorized to report the salaries of the teachers of the evening schools and the salary of the music teacher in the Primary Schools at some future meeting of the Board.

The Board accepted the report of the committee.

The question then being upon the orders, Dr. Shattuck moved to amend schedule B, by inserting "the Superintendent of Vocal and Physical Culture, $2,500." The amendment was referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Dr. Upham moved the following amendment of the schedule, to wit: —

"The supervisor and teacher of music in the Primary Schools, $3,000."

Passed.

The salaries of the teachers of the evening high schools were fixed at $10 per night for principals, and $5 per night for assistants; of the evening schools, at $3 per night for the principals, and $1 per night for assistants.

The salary of the head-master's head assistant in the Girls' High School was fixed at $2,000.

Upon motion of Mr. Foster, it was voted that, in fixing the salaries of the Instructors, the question be taken in all cases by yeas and nays.

The question upon the order fixing the salaries of the sub-masters in the Grammar Schools at $2,200 for the first year's service, and $2,600 per annum subsequently, was taken by yeas and nays as follows: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 14, Baldwin, Bigelow, Brown, Chaney, Curtis, Dillaway, Dunn, Dunning, Edson, Filkins, Fitzgerald, Flint, Hutchins, Mason, McKendry, Merrill, of Ward 14, Monroe, Edward G. Morse, James Morse, O'Kane, Peterson, Plummer, Porter, of Ward 16, Prescott, Read, of Ward 10, Reynolds, Seaverns, Shattuck, Tilden, Tucker, Underwood, Upham, and Woods. — 36.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 1, Badger, Cruft, Foster, Lane, Noble, Palmer, Porter, of Ward 2, Rankin, Reed, of Ward 6, Ricker, Thayer, and Wentworth. — 14.

Thirty-six gentlemen voted yea, and fourteen gentlemen voted nay; and the order was adopted.

Upon motion of Mr. Prescott the report was then laid upon the table.

Bigelow School District,

Mr. Prescott submitted the following order, and moved a suspension of the rules for its passage at this time. The rules were suspended and the order was adopted as follows: —

Primary accommodations.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional accommodations for a Primary class in the Bigelow District.

Corporal punishment; report assigned for consideration.

Upon motion of Dr. Ordway, the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, on the matter of Corporal Punishment in the public schools, was assigned for Tuesday evening, Oct. 14th, at nine o'clock.

Adjournment.

Upon motion of Dr. Reynolds, it was voted that when the Board adjourn, it be to meet one week from to-night.

Mr. Monroe offered the following order: —

Comins School District; Primary accommodations.

Ordered, That the Comins District Committee be authorized to establish a new Primary School for the surplus scholars in the Cottage Place School, and that accommodation for such school be forthwith furnished.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Tilden offered the following order: —

Vacancy; Convention proposed.

Whereas, A vacancy exists in this Board, caused by the death of William O. Johnson, of Ward Four, —

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Mayor and Aldermen, proposing a convention on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of October, 1873, at seven and a half o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of filling said vacancy; and that public notice be given of the same, pursuant to law.

The order passed.

Committee to nominate candidate.

The Chair appointed the following as the committee to nominate to the Board a suitable candidate for filling the vacancy: viz., Messrs. Tilden, Palmer, Dunn, Slade and Ordway.

Committee on the matter of applications of pupils for admission to High Schools discharged.

Upon motion of Dr. Read, of Ward 10, it was voted that the committee appointed Feb. 11th to consider and report upon the expediency of a change in the Rules and Regulations, with respect to the admission to the High School of pupils below the first class, be discharged.

Upon motion of Dr. Edson: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings be

requested to procure and cause to be placed upon the new school-house, now building upon the site of the Roxbury City Hall, a suitable tablet, bearing the name, "Dudley School."

New School-house named Dudley School.

Dr. Reynolds offered the following, and moved a suspension of the rules for its passage: —

Ordered, That the Board be requested so to alter its rules and regulations, Chap. XIV., Sect. 10, as to allow the introduction of English Prose Composition into all the classes of the school, and the exercise of translating English into Latin throughout the lower half of the school; to insert among the studies of the fifth class, after the word "Geology," the words "and Mineralogy;" and to insert among the studies of the fourth class, after the word "Geology," the word "Mineralogy."

Latin School; changes in regulations of.

That the Board be further requested to make, in the same chapter of its rules, Sect. 2, the following changes: —

In the fifth line of said section, omit the words "the whole," and insert in the sixth line, after the word "course," the words "under the head-master."

In the sixth and seventh lines, omit the clauses "and give, if possible, the instruction in the natural sciences;" and at the close of the second sentence of this section, omit the last clause, and insert in place of that clause the following words: "the instruction in the natural sciences and the course of English Literature being entrusted to one of the class of masters first named in this section."

The rules were suspended, and the order was adopted.

Dr. Reynolds offered the following: —

Ordered, That Harkness's Latin Prose Composition be used in the Latin School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Prescott, the Board adjourned.

Attest: BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary*.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Sept. 23, 1873.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held, by adjournment, at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the 23d day of September, 1873, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M. In the absence of the President of the Board, Dr. Shurtleff occupied the chair.

Absent: Messrs. Allen, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 1, Badger, Beckley, Bigelow, Brigham, Campbell, Chaney, Clock, Colman, Connor, Curtis, Deblois, Dunning, Edson, Emery, Fennelly, Fogg, Hobbs, Lane, Learnard, Leonard, Lothrop, Maguire, Mason, McDonough, McKendry, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, Merrill, of Ward 11, Moran, Moseley, Murphy, Nichols, Ordway, Perkins, Peterson, Plummer, Quinn, Rankin, Ricker, Slade, Toland, Tucker, Upham, Waldock, Washburn, Whelton, Wilson, the President of the Board, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

On motion of Mr. Flint, the Board took from the table the report, in print, of the Committee on Text-books, submitted June 10th. Report of Committee on Text-Books.

Mr Flint then offered the following order, as a substitute for the first three orders submitted in the report: —

Ordered, That Bradbury's Eaton's Elementary Algebra, Bradbury's Geometry and Trigonometry, Stewart's Elementary Physics, Böcher's Otto's French Reader, the Student's Classic French Plays, the French Phrase Book, Schlegel's First German Reader, Alden's Science of Government, Peabody's Manual of Moral Philosophy, be introduced as text-books in place of books now used; and

that Thalheimer's Manual of Ancient History be a permitted book in the Girls' High School.

The question was then taken upon amending the report by substituting the order, and the amendment passed.

Upon motion of Mr. Monroe, it was voted to pass over the order respecting Guyot's Physical Geography. Upon motion of Dr. Shattuck, the order respecting Hooker's Child's Book of Nature was laid upon the table.

Adjournment.

The report was here laid upon the table to act upon a motion made by Mr. Flint, that, when the Board adjourn, it adjourn to Tuesday, the 14th day of October. The motion passed.

The report was again taken from the table. Mr. Flint moved the acceptance of the first order of the report as amended, and the motion passed. The sixth order, as submitted by the committee, was accepted.

Upon motion of Mr Adams, of Ward 12, it was voted to amend the seventh order to read Hand-books. The order was then accepted.

The eighth, the ninth and the tenth orders were then successively accepted.

The question being then upon adopting the orders, Dr. Shattuck moved to lay upon the table the seventh of the orders as submitted in the report, and also the fourth and the fifth orders, and it was so voted.

Voted, to take up and act upon the orders separately; but, before taking any further action, upon motion of Mr. Fitzgerald, the meeting adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,

Secretary.

In School Committee, Oct. 14, 1873.

A regular monthly meeting of the School Committee, and also a meeting of the Board by adjournment, was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the 14th day of October, 1873, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M. The President of the Board in the Chair.

Absent: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Curtis, Deblois, Dunning, Edson, Fitzgerald, Fogg, Lothrop, Maguire, Means, Moran, Murphy, Palmer, Read, of Ward 10, Sanford, Slade, Waldock, Washburn, Waterston, and Whelton. Absent.

The Chair read the concurrence of the Mayor and Aldermen in the proposition of this Board for a convention for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the death of William O. Johnson. Convention.

The convention was held.

Mr. Tilden, from the committee appointed to nominate a suitable candidate for the vacancy, reported the name of George Fabyan; and the report was accepted.

The Chair appointed Alderman Bigelow and Messrs. Prescott and O'Kane, a committee to collect the ballots. The committee proceeded, and reported the whole number of ballots to be 64; that George Fabyan had 63, and Alonzo Boothby, 1. Mr. Fabyan was accordingly declared elected. Geo. Fabyan chosen.

The business of the convention having been accomplished, the two Boards separated.

The Chair made the following appointments to fill vacancies in committees, caused by the death of Dr. John- Vacancies in committees filled.

son, — Mr. Dunn first being excused, at his own request, from service on the committee on the Dorchester High School; viz., Mr. Dunn on the committee on the Phillips School District; Mr. Tilden on the committee on the English High School; Mr. Fabyan on the committee on the Dorchester High School, the committee on Vocal and Physical Culture and Military Drill, and the committee on the Bowdoin School District.

Resignation of P. O. Edson.

The Chair read the resignation of P. O'Meara Edson, of Ward 14, as a member of the Board; and the Board accepted the resignation.

Salaries of Instructors.

Upon motion of Mr. Brown, the report of the Committee on Salaries, on the salaries of the instructors, was taken from the table.

Mr. Brown offered the following order: —

Salaries of master's head assistants.

Ordered, That the salaries of the master's head assistants in the Grammar schools be fixed at twelve hundred dollars for the present school year.

Agreeably to a vote of the Board, passed Sept. 16th, the question was taken by yeas and nays, as follows: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Allen, of Ward 14, Baldwin, Beckley, Bigelow, Brigham, Brown, Campbell, Carty, Chaney, Colman, Cushing, Dillaway, Dunn, Emery, Filkins, Flint, Fraser, Hutchins, Jarvis, Lane, Mason, McDonough, Monroe, Edward G. Morse, James Morse, Moseley, O'Kane, Ordway, Perkins, Peterson, Porter, of Ward 16, Prescott, Quinn, Reynolds, Richardson, Seaverns, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Stedman, Thayer, Thornton, Tilden, Toland, Tucker, Underwood, Upham, Wentworth, Willard, Wilson and Woods. — 51.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 1, Badger, Clock, Cruft, Foster, Hobbs, Learnard, Lloyd, Mahan, Merrill, of Ward 14, Merrill, of Ward 11, Plummer, Porter, of Ward 2, and Reed, of Ward 6. — 16.

Fifty-one gentlemen voted yea, and sixteen gentlemen voted nay; and the order was adopted.

Corporal Punishment.

The time assigned for the consideration of the report upon the subject of Corporal Punishment having arrived, upon motion of Dr. Ordway it was voted to postpone the consideration of the report to eight and a half o'clock on the evening of the next meeting of the Board.

Salary of Hiram Wilde, assistant teacher of music.

Mr. Brown reported, from the Committee on Salaries, upon the order offered July 8th, to provide that the salary of Mr. Hiram Wilde, assistant teacher of Music, be $2,500; and offered the following: —

Ordered, That the salary of the assistant teacher of Music be fixed at twenty-five hundred dollars for the present school year.

Yeas and nays.

The question was taken by yeas and nays, as follows: —

Yeas: Messrs. Allen, of Ward 14, Bigelow, Brown, Colman, Cushing, Flint, Hutchins, McKendry, Moseley, Ordway, Perkins, Peterson, Porter, of Ward 16, Prescott, Reynolds, Richardson, Thayer, Thornton, Underwood, Upham, and Wilson. — 21.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Allen, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 1, Badger, Brigham, Carty, Chaney, Cruft, Dillaway, Dunn, Emery, Filkins, Foster, Hobbs, Jarvis, Lane, Lloyd, Mahan, Mason, Monroe, Edward G. Morse, James Morse, O'Kane, Plummer, Reed, of Ward 6, Seaverns, Stedman, Tilden, Tucker, Wentworth, and Willard. — 31.

Twenty-one gentlemen voted yea, and thirty-one gentlemen voted nay; so the order did not pass.

Upon motion of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 14, the Board reconsidered the vote whereby it was decided to take the yeas and nays in fixing the salaries of the instructors.

Mr. Brown offered the following order: —

Salary of instructor

Ordered, That the salary of the instructor in Drawing

in Drawing in Ward 16, Dorchester.

for Ward 16, be fixed at seventeen hundred dollars for the present school year. Passed.

Salary of superintendent of Vocal and Physical Culture.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Salaries, reported upon the amendment proposed to Schedule "B," — to provide that the salary of the Superintendent of Vocal and Physical Culture be $2,500; recommending that the salary of said teacher be fixed at $1,500 for three months' service, of twenty-five hours per week.

Dr. Shattuck moved an amendment, — to substitute $2,500 for $1,500; and *six* months in place of three. The question was taken upon the amendment, and it was lost. The question was then taken upon the recommendation of the committee, and it was rejected.

Minimum salary of Grammar school masters.

An order from the Committee on Salaries, proposing that the minimum salary of masters of the Grammar Schools be $2,800, was rejected.

Evening Drawing Schools: pay of teachers.

Upon motion of Mr. Brown, the Board filled the blanks in Schedule "B," fixing the compensation of teachers in the Evening Drawing Schools, at $10 per night for principals, and $5 per night for assistants.

Dr. Reynolds offered an amendment to Schedule "B," to provide, —

Salaries of masters and sub-masters in Latin and English High Schools.

That the four masters of the English High School, and those masters of the Public Latin School who held the rank of master in that school in 1869, receive the maximum salary allowed to masters of Grammar schools; and that the salary of sub-masters in the several High schools be the same as that of sub-masters in the Grammar schools.

Mr. Monroe moved to amend the amendment, to provide that Mr. Charles J. Capen, a master in the Latin School, also receive the proposed maximum salary. Lost.

Pending the consideration of the amendment, upon motion of Mr. Monroe, the Board then adjourned, on a motion previously made by Mr. Underwood, to Tuesday next, at seven and a half o'clock, P. M. Adjournment.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary.*

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Oct. 21, 1873.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held, by adjournment, in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the twenty-first day of October, 1873, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M. The President of the Board in the Chair.

Absent: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 14, Beckley, Campbell, Chaney, Clock, Deblois, Emery, Fogg, Fraser, Lothrop, Maguire, McDonough, McKendry, Merrill, of Ward 14, Moran, Murphy, Nichols, Palmer, Quinn, Rankin, Sanford, Shurtleff, Slade, Thornton, Waldock, Waterston, Whelton, Willard, and President of the Common Council. Absent.

Mr. Monroe called the attention of the Board to an inaccuracy in the minutes of the last meeting, in the statement that the amendment to provide that Mr. Charles J. Capen, a master in the Latin School, receive the proposed maximum salary, was lost; whereas a *quorum* of the Board did not vote, and the business before the meeting when a motion was made to adjourn was the question upon the said amendment. Salaries of instructors. Salaries of masters and sub-masters in Latin and Eng. High Schools.

Accordingly the Chair stated that that was now the business before the meeting; and, the question being taken upon the amendment, it was rejected.

The question then being upon the original amendment, Dr. Reynolds asked, and the Board voted, leave to withdraw it.

Upon motion of Mr. Brown, —

Ordered, That the salaries of the instructors in the public schools for the present school year be fixed in ac- Salaries fixed.

cordance with schedule "B" (reported by the Committee on Salaries), as amended by the various orders passed by the Board.

Pay of substitutes and temporary teachers.

Upon motion of Mr. Brown, Sect. 19, Chap. IX., of the Regulations of the Public Schools, was amended by substituting the following for the specification of the compensation to be paid to substitutes and temporary teachers, to wit: head-masters, $10.00; sub-masters, $6.00; teachers in the Girls' High School, $2.50; head-assistants, $2.25; masters, $8.00; ushers, $5.00; masters' head-assistants, $2.50; assistants in the school for Deaf Mutes, $2.50; assistants and Primary teachers, $2.00.

Mr. Brown offered the following orders: —

Record of time of special teachers, and payment of their salaries.

1. *Ordered*, That a record of the time occupied by special teachers shall be made in each school and schoolroom and transmitted monthly to the Committee on Accounts.

2. *Ordered*, That each special teacher shall keep a record of the time employed in the service of this Board, stating where employed and the time given in each room daily; or, if employed out of the school building, where and how; and transmit a copy at the end of each month to the Committee on Accounts.

3. *Ordered*, That the salaries of special teachers employed by this Board shall be paid only upon proof that the number of hours have been devoted to their school duties which are required by the understanding between the Committee on Salaries and the committee in charge of said special teachers, and to the satisfaction of the Committee on Accounts.

Severally referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, on motion of Mr. Hutchins.

Dr. Shattuck offered the following: —

Winthrop School;

Ordered, That the head-assistant at present employed

in the master's room in the Winthrop School be made a master's assistant, to date from Sept. 1st, 1873. head-assistant.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

The hour having arrived which was assigned for the consideration of the report upon the subject of Corporal Punishment, Dr. Ordway moved, and it was voted, to postpone the matter till the next meeting of the Board. Corporal punishment.

The following teachers were confirmed: —

Winthrop School. — Mary L. H. Gerry and Annie I. Stoddard, assistants. Teachers confirmed, etc.

Evening Drawing Schools. — G. W. Bartlett and C. S. Ward, principals, and George H. Young, J. L. Frisbee, and C. W. Damon, assistants. Evening Drawing Schools.

The following teachers were nominated as being upon probation: —

Dorchester High School. — Ellen G. Noble, an assistant.

Bowdoin School. — Dora Pitcher, an assistant, commencing Sept. 1st.

Comins School District. — Mary A. Cloney, a Primary teacher, commencing Oct. 1st.

Dearborn School. — Martha D. Chapman, head-assistant, commencing Oct. 1st.

Gaston School District. — Fanny Blanchard, a Primary teacher, and Margaret Reid, Sewing teacher, both commencing Sept. 1st. — Miss Reid confirmed.

Gibson School. — Ida L. Boyden, master's head-assistant, commencing Sept. 1st.

Lewis School. — Elizabeth Gerry, an assistant, commencing Sept. 1st.

Lincoln School District. — Sarah A. Curran, a Primary teacher, commencing Sept. 15th.

Mayhew School District. — Susan A. Slavin, a Primary teacher, commencing Sept. 1st.

Stoughton School. — E. D. Kellogg, an assistant, commencing Oct. 1st.

New School, Washington Village. — Elizabeth A. Winward, master's head-assistant, commencing Oct. 1st.

Resignations of teachers.

The resignations of the following-named teachers were presented and accepted: —

Dorchester High School. — Ellen G. Fisher, an assistant, taking effect Sept. 1st.

Dearborn School. — Harriet E. Burrill, head-assistant, taking effect Oct. 1st.

Winthrop School. — Ella L. Bird, an assistant, taking effect Oct. 1st.

Transfer of teachers.

Upon motion of Dr. Ordway, the following teachers were transferred from the Quincy to the Bowditch School District, viz.: Priscilla Johnson, Sarah E. Lewis, Julia A. O'Hara, Ellen E. Leach, Susan Frizzell, and Louisa Bowker.

Dr. Curtis, Chairman of the Committee on Evening Schools, nominated the following teachers for those schools: —

Evening Schools.

Evening High School. — William Nichols, principal; Roscoe P. Owen, William H. Moriarty, Henry N. Sheldon, Charles E. Stetson, Thomas McC. Babson, Winfield S. Hutchinson, Joseph W. Keene, Charles A. Drew, W. B. French, Arthur B. Morong, Carl Jansen, William L. Olin, Edwin C. Woodward, W. H. Knight.

East Boston. — Richard F. Kay, principal; Mary A. Oburg, Addie F. Barnes, H. Ella Peaslee, Jessie F. Otis, Emma L. Reynolds, Susan E. Littlefield, Elizabeth T. Denham, Lena G. Anderson, assistants.

Warrenton street Chapel. — William G. Babcock, principal; John L. Emmons, Samuel Welch, J. Thomas Vose, Mary P. Glines, Josephine Rose, L. Fanny Babcock, assistants.

Anderson street. — Miss C. A. Caverly, principal; Annie S. Knowlton, Charlotte Lobdell, Mary A. Beal, Martha H. Beal, C. G. Fisher, G. H. Smith, Emeline D. Fish, Lavinia F. Pitcher, Ella G. Hall, assistants.

Old Franklin School-house. — Edwin P. Gerry, principal; Elizabeth H. Soule, Sarah B. Ellithorpe, B. Hinckley; Annie Gardner, Ella J. Mahone, Etta O. Whitney, Adelaide Meston, G. A. Brown, L. A. Phelps, Annie S. Knowles, assistants.

Harrison avenue. — Sylvanus T. Rugg, principal; George H. Marshall, Guy A. T. Lincoln, M. Fanny Rugg, Frances V. Keyes, Harriet N. Keyes, Emma F. Swain, Mary E. Sanford, Nelly M. O'Connor, Julia F. Sweeney, Katy D. Lane, Elizabeth M. Pierce, Mary J. Broad, Ella F. Stroelin, Fanny F. Kelly, assistants.

Chambers-street Chapel. — Loring Lothrop, principal; Frank W. Rollins, Hannah Richards, Elizabeth White, Henrietta A. Hill, Fanny M. Wilson, Harriet I. Preble, Silence Hill, Kate Wilson, assistants.

Cabot street. — James W. Fox, principal; Rhoda A. Lawrence, Harriet E. Culligan, Clemena B. Moore, Anna F. Murphy, Frances T. Kelly, Ella Mulliken, Emma L. Peterson, Mary E. Cobb, Maggie B. Scarlett, Anna McDonald, Susan Williams, John W. Brodrick, E. M. Gray, assistants.

South Boston. — John C. Coombs, principal; John M. Hodgate, Eva C. Smith, Nettie B. Galvin, Maggie Leary, Jane Rosenberger, Alice C. Ryan, Ellen Noonan, Emma J. Vose, Mary O. Crotty, Mary T. O'Neil, Anna Kelley, assistants.

North Bennet street. — James E. Toner, principal; George Kylle, Ella Marks, A. Bixby, Maggie Robinson, Emma S. Fisk, Sophia Raycroft, E. E. Jenkins, Sarah A. McGonigle, Mary E. Towle, assistants.

Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, offered the two following orders: —

Everett District; new Primary Schools.

1. *Ordered*, That two Primary classes be formed in the Everett School District.

New Primary School on Beacon st.

2. *Ordered*, That a Primary School be established on Beacon street, near Parker street, to accommodate pupils living between Dartmouth and Parker streets.

Both of the orders were referred, with full powers, to the Committee on School-houses, etc.

Dr. Seaverns offered the following order: —

Lewis School District; Primary School accommodations.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish additional temporary accommodations for the Primary Schools in the Lewis School District.

Referred, with full powers, to the Committee on School-houses, etc.

Upon motion of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11,—

Everett District; new Primary School.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide accommodations for two additional Primary classes in the Everett School District.

Upon motion of Mr. Brown, —

Supt. of Schools; salary of Clerk.

Ordered, That the salary of the clerk in the office of the Superintendent of Schools be one thousand dollars per annum for the present school year.

Report of Com. on School-houses.

Mr. Prescott, from the Committee on School-houses and School Sections, reported upon matters which had been referred to that committee, and submitted for adoption the following orders: —

Lincoln School; master's office.

1. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to fit up an office for the master's use on the first floor of the Lincoln School-house.

Land for Primary School-house at City Point.

2. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to purchase a lot of land suitable for Primary School purposes at City Point, near O street.

3. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to purchase a lot of land and erect thereon a Primary School building of not over four rooms, on or near Norfolk street, Ward 16, Gibson District.

Gibson School District; new Primary School; temporary accommodations.

4. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to provide temporary accommodations for Primary scholars in the vicinity of Norfolk street, Ward 16, Gibson District.

The orders were severally adopted.

Mr. Perkins, Chairman of the Committee on Drawing, offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the Teachers' Manuals, Primary Cards, and American Text-books for Art Education, prepared by Walter Smith, for Primary, Grammar, and High School instruction, be introduced into the Boston Public Schools.

Teachers' Manuals, Primary Cards, and Am. Text-books for Art Education.

Mr. Stedman called the attention of the Board to the order passed in April, to the effect that "this Board will not consider any communication from a standing committee as a report, unless said committee have passed upon it at a meeting of the committee regularly called." The Chair ruled that the matter was not properly before the Board.

Mr. Underwood, thereupon, then offered the order as an original order, and moved a suspension of the rules to consider the matter at this time; and the rules were suspended.

The question then being upon the order, Mr. Brown called for a division of the question.

Mr. Hutchins moved that the matter be referred back to the Committee on Drawing, with instructions to report at the next meeting.

Before taking any further action a motion to adjourn

was made by Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, and was carried; and the meeting dissolved.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary.*

In School Committee, Nov. 11, 1873.

A monthly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of November, 1873, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M. The President of the Board in the Chair.

Absent: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Beckley, Brigham, Cushing, Deblois, Dillaway, Emery, Fogg, Jarvis, Lane, Maguire, McKendry, Merrill, of Ward 14, Moran, Murphy, Plummer, Rankin, Read, of Ward 10, Thornton, Toland, Underwood, Waldock, Waterston, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

The Chair read the resignations as members of the Board, of Mr. Francis H. Underwood, of Ward 12, and Mr. Robert C. Waterston, of Ward 11, which the Board accepted. Resignations of F. H. Underwood and R. C. Waterston.

The Chair appointed Mr. Arthur H. Wilson upon the Shurtleff District Committee, in place of Mr. Underwood, resigned, and the Board confirmed the nomination. Shurtleff District Committee: vacancy filled.

The Chair stated the business before the Board to be the question upon the motion made by Mr. Hutchins at the last meeting, to refer back to the Committee on Drawing, with instructions, the order proposing the introduction into the Public Schools of the Teachers' Manuals, Primary Cards, etc., prepared by Walter Smith. Teachers' Manuals, Primary Cards and Am. Textbooks for Art Education.

The question was taken upon recommitting said order, and the motion did not prevail.

The question was then upon the order, which the Chair read.

Amendment.

Mr. Reynolds proposed to amend the order, so that it should read as follows: —

Ordered, That those of the Teachers' Manuals, Primary Cards, and American Text-books for Art Education, prepared by Walter Smith, for Primary, Grammar, and High School instruction, which are already published, be introduced into the Boston public schools.

Orders proposed as a substitute.

Mr. Brown offered the following orders, as a substitute for the proposed amendment: —

1. *Ordered*, That a copy of the Teachers' Manual of Free-hand Drawing and Designing be purchased for the use of each Grammar-school teacher in charge of classes.

2. *Ordered*, That a copy of the Teachers' Manual of Free-hand Drawing in Primary schools be purchased for the use of each Primary school teacher, and one copy as a book of reference in each school district.

3. *Ordered*, That one book of the series of American Text-books on Free-hand Drawing shall be purchased for the use of each pupil in the Grammar Schools; the number to be designated by the Committee on Drawing.

4. *Ordered*, That one book of the series of American Text-books on Geometrical Drawing be purchased for the use of each pupil in the three highest divisions of the Grammar Schools; the number to be designated by the Committee on Drawing.

5. *Ordered*, That six thousand sets of Primary Cards be purchased for the use of the pupils in the Primary Schools.

6. *Ordered*, That all books purchased under the authority of the above orders shall remain the property of the city, to be in charge of the Committee on Drawing and the Committee on Accounts.

The question was taken first upon Mr. Reynolds' amendment, and it was adopted.

The question was then taken upon the orders proposed by Mr. Brown as a substitute, and they were rejected.

The question being then upon the original order, as amended, it was adopted. Order as amended adopted.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation: — Teachers nominated, etc.

English High School. — George F. Leonard, Manson Seavey, J. B. Poole, and William G. Newell, as sub-masters. English High School; teachers.

The Committee on this school also proposed Mr. John P. Brown for confirmation as a master, at the maximum salary, he having been for many years a sub-master; his salary to commence with the school-year, in September last.

Upon this the Chair (Mr. Learnard in the chair) ruled that this being a new appointment, Mr. Brown could not be confirmed "until after a satisfactory trial of three months."

Comins School. — Mrs. Hall, commencing Nov. 7th.

Franklin School. — Roxanna W. Longley, an assistant, commencing Nov. 1st.

Hancock School. — Kate Doherty, sewing teacher, commencing Nov. 10th.

Lyman School District. — Sarah F. Lothrop, a Primary teacher, commencing Sept. 1st.

Phillips School District. — Evelyn E. Plummer, teacher in the school for special instruction, commencing Oct. 7th.

Sherwin School District. — Mary F. Cogswell, a Primary teacher, commencing Sept. 2d, and Elizabeth A. Sandborn, a Primary teacher, services commencing with the opening of the new school on Norwich street.

On motion of Mr. Carty, the last two nominations were recommitted to the Committee on the District.

Washington School. — Bertha M. Hintz, master's head-assistant, and Mary H. Cashman, an assistant, commencing Nov. 1st.

New School at Washington Village. — Elizabeth Ordway, a Primary teacher, commencing Sept. 3d.

Evening Schools

Evening Schools, Dorchester. — George H. Marshall, principal; Harriet B. Hasselt, Theresa C. Lonergan, Julia A. Chase, Marianna L. Pearson, assistants.

East Boston. — Miss A. P. Dexter.

Chambers-Street Chapel. — Amelia Ritz.

Warrenton-Street Chapel. — Alfred H. Sumner, Etta A. Bugbee, Elizabeth Mushoway.

Eustis Street. — John W. Broderick, principal, commencing Oct 29th; Emma Peterson, John Fox, commencing Nov. 3; Amasa Green, commencing Nov. 10; Bridget Scanlan, commencing Nov. 11; Francis W. Sill, commencing Nov. 11.

Cabot Street. — Giles P. Marion, Emma Howard, Miss N. F. Williams, Elizabeth A. Culligan, assistants.

The resignations of the following teachers were presented and accepted: —

Girls' High School. — Mary E. Holbrook, an assistant, to take effect Sept. 1st.

Hancock School. — Mary H. Cheney, sewing teacher, to take effect Nov. 10th.

Lincoln School. — Emogene F. Willett, an assistant, to take effect Nov. 1st.

Washington School. — Anna H. Williams, master's assistant, to take effect Nov. 1st.

The following orders were offered, and were severally referred — the first four with full powers — to the Committee on School-houses, etc.: —

1. Offered by Mr. Flint, —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to make such changes in the Girls' High School-house as may be necessary for the study of Photography.

Girls' High School-house; Photography.

2. Offered by Mr. Dunning: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide a pavement for the yard of the Vernon street Primary school, Washington School District.

Primary school-house, Vernon street; pavement in school yard.

3. Offered by Mr. Sanford: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish additional Primary accommodations for the Mather School.

Mather District; Primary accommodation.

4. Offered by Mr. Allen, of Ward 14: —

Ordered, That the Sherwin School District Committee be and they hereby are authorized to open a new Primary school for the relief of the Weston street and Franklin place schools; and the City Council are requested to furnish suitable accommodations for the school.

Sherwin District; new Primary school.

5. Offered by Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to consider the expediency of erecting, in connection with the buildings for the English High and Latin schools, suitable accommodations for the use of the School Committee, including a hall in which the meetings of the Board may be held.

Accommodations for the School Committee in English High and Latin school-house.

6. Offered by Mr. Allen, of Ward 1: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to enlarge the area of the Primary school lot, on Lexington street, East Boston.

Area of Primary school lot on Lexington street.

The following orders were offered and adopted: —

1. Offered by Mr. Hobbs: —

Ordered, That the Committee on School-houses be requested to consider the expediency of abandoning the Cottage-place school, and the erection of a new six-room school building.

Comins District; Cottage-place school.

2. Offered by Mr. Ordway: —

Bowditch school-house; inquiry to be made as to occupancy.

Ordered, That, — whereas, it is understood that the Bowditch School-house is to be used for the purposes of an Evening school and for a portion of the High School; and, whereas, the girls of the Bowditch school are in a less desirable location, — the Committee on School-houses be requested to inquire into the matter, and report to this Board their views in regard to the same.

Upon motion of Mr. Hobbs: —

New school on Centre street to be called the "Lowell School."

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to place upon the new school-house now being erected on Centre street, a tablet bearing the name of the "Lowell School," to commemorate the distinguished services in behalf of education rendered by the family of that name.

Committee to prepare Annual Report.

The Chair appointed the following committee to prepare the Annual Report of the School Committee, viz.: —

Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Reynolds, Seaverns, Fitzgerald, Curtis, Slade, Rankin, Allen, of Ward 1, and Tucker.

Reports of Com. on Rules and Regul'tions. Truant officers.

Mr. Mason, chairman of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, submitted and read reports of that committee on matters which had been referred to them.

1. Upon the order — offered June 10th — to provide for the nomination to this Board of suitable persons as truant officers, and for the direction and control of said officers.

By an act of the Legislature the School Committee have the appointing of truant officers, and the fixing of their salaries.

The same statute also provides that the city shall make such by-laws respecting truant children and absentees from school as shall be most conducive to the welfare of such children. The truant officers are to inquire into all cases arising under such by-laws, etc.

The committee deem it rightly proper that the execution of the statute should be committed to the Committee on Accounts; and they recommend the passage of the order.

The question upon the order was taken and the order, passed.

2. Upon the order — July 8th — proposing to establish the position of second head-master's assistant in the Girls' High School. Girls' High School; second master's ass't.

The committee favored the adoption of the order, on the ground of relieving the head-master from the performance of much detail labor in the affairs of the school which can be done by an assistant; and of allowing him to give more personal instruction. "Of the benefit to be derived from personal instruction by a teacher so able and accomplished as the head-master of this school, nothing need be said."

The question was taken upon the order, and it was adopted.

3. Upon the order — Oct. 21st — proposing to make the head-assistant at present employed in the master's room of the Winthrop School, a master's head-assistant. The large number of pupils in the first class in this school is so large as to render necessary a division of the class, and require other instruction than that of the master; and it is thought that the school will suffer without the additional assistance asked for. The committee therefore recommend the passage of the order. Winthrop School; Head-assistant.

The question upon adopting the order was taken by a standing vote, when no quorum voted, and the Chair declared that the order had failed to pass.

Upon motion of Mr. Mason, the Board assigned eight and one-half o'clock, one fortnight from to night, — to which evening the Board voted, upon motion of the same Adjournment.

Corporal punishment; special assignment.

gentleman, to adjourn,— for the consideration of the report on the subject of Corporal Punishment.

Mr. Baldwin offered the following order: —

Latin and High Schools; out-of-school lessons.

Ordered, That in the Latin and High Schools no out-of-school lessons shall be assigned on Saturday, and no teacher shall exact from any scholar a recitation at the opening of the school on Monday morning.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Upon motion of Mr. Hutchins: —

Jurisdiction of School Committee over school-houses.

Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed to ascertain what jurisdiction the School Committee of Boston has over the school-houses which are built for the use of the public schools; and that said committee be instructed to report in print at the next monthly meeting of this Board, or at an earlier date.

Passed; and the following gentlemen appointed as that committee, viz.: Messrs. Hobbs, Prescott, and Merrill, of Ward 14.

Mr. Hutchins offered the following: —

Normal School; care of rooms.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be instructed to provide for the care of the rooms occupied by the Normal School, until such time as the City Council shall provide for the care of said rooms.

Referred, with full power, to the Committee on Accounts.

Upon motion of Mr. Stedman: —

Supt. of Schools; Address to School Committee and teachers.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of our schools be requested to address, at an early day, the School Committee and teachers of the schools in regard to his recent visit to Europe, as connected with education; and that a committee of three be appointed by the President with full powers to make the necessary arrangements for such purpose.

The Chair appointed the following as the committee, viz.: Messrs. Stedman, Noble, and Monroe.

Mr. Monroe offered the following order: —

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed to appear before the commission which has in preparation a revised City Charter, to represent to that commission such changes as are desirable in the organization of the duties of the School Committee.

Changes in organization and duties of the School Committee.

Before taking the question upon the order, the Board, on motion of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary*.

In School Committee, Nov. 24, 1873.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, by order of the President of the Board, on Monday, the twenty-fourth day of November, 1873, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M., for the purpose for which the Board at its last meeting adjourned to Tuesday evening; the Common Council having, at its last meeting, adjourned to that evening. The President of the Board in the chair. The Chair accordingly read the notification calling the meeting.

Absent: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Badger, Baldwin, Beckley, Brigham, Campbell, Clock, Colman, Connor, Cushing, Deblois, Dunning, Emery, Filkins, Fogg, Hobbs, Lothrop, Maguire, Mahan, McKendry, Merrill, of Ward 11, Monroe, Moran, Moseley, Noble, Palmer, Perkins, Plummer, Porter, of Ward 16, Quinn, Read, of Ward 10, Reed, of Ward 6, Richardson, Ricker, Shurtleff, Thornton, Tucker, Waldock, Washburn, Whelton, Willard, Woods, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

The Chair nominated Mr. Foster to fill the vacancy in the Committee on Drawing, caused by the resignation of Mr. Waterston as a member of the Board; and the Board confirmed the nomination. Committee on Drawing; vacancy filled.

Upon motion of Mr. Prescott, it was voted that, when the Board adjourn, it adjourn to Wednesday evening, Dec. 10th, at seven and a half o'clock; the rules of the Board being first suspended for the purpose. Adjournment.

The Chair stated the unfinished business before the Changes in

the organization and duties of the School Committee.

Board at its adjournment at the last meeting; to wit, an order offered by Mr. Monroe for the appointment of a committee with reference to the organization and duties of the School Committee. Upon motion of Mr. Ordway, the matter was laid upon the table.

Teachers nominated.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation: —

English High School. — John P. Brown, a master, commencing Sept. 2d.

Girls' High School. — Margaret A. Badger, second head-master's assistant, commencing Nov. 21st; and Adeline L. Sylvester, head-assistant.

Chapman School District. — Clara A. Otis, a Primary teacher, commencing Oct. 15th.

Lewis School District. — Mary E. Gledden, an assistant, commencing Dec. 1st.

Rice School District. — Anna R. Badlam, a Primary teacher, commencing Oct. 27th.

Sherwin School District. — Mary F. Cogswell, a Primary teacher, commencing Sept. 2d, and Elizabeth A. Sandborn, a Primary teacher, to commence on entering service.

Winthrop School. — Margaret T. Wise, an assistant, commencing Nov. 1st, and Catherine K. Marlow, an assistant, commencing Nov. 20th.

Evening Schools.

Evening Schools. — Anna S. Dodge and Mary E. Mann, as assistants in the Dorchester Evening School, commencing Nov. 13th.

Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations: record of special teachers and pay-

Mr. Mason read the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations upon the orders offered by Mr. Brown, Oct. 21st, and referred to that committee. The committee report that they have been informed that much looseness has crept into the mode of attending to their duties on the part of some of the special teachers. The

School Committee expect punctuality and fidelity of every teacher; and it is the duty of the Board, in case of failure in these respects, to try to reach and remedy the evil. For this purpose the committee recommend the adoption of the orders; but, hoping that the evil complained of will be remedied, they recommend that the orders continue in operation only for the present school year.

ment of their salaries.

Upon motion of Mr. Adams, of Ward 12, the Board postponed the consideration of the orders till the next meeting.

Upon motion of Mr. Hutchins, the Board took from the table and recommitted to the Committee on Text-books the report of that committee made June 10th, with instructions to report at the next meeting.

Report of Committee on Text-books recommitted.

Mr. Flint offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the salary of second master's assistant in the Girls' High School be fixed at $1,500 a year. Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Girls' High School, salary of second master's assistant.

Mr. O'Kane offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Text-books be requested to report to this Board, as soon as possible, whether there are any books permitted for use in the public schools in non-conformity with the general statutes; and that said committee be authorized to report in print, if they so desire. Referred to the Committee on Text-books.

Books in use, not authorized by general statutes.

Mr. Prescott, Chairman of the Committee on School-houses, etc., submitted and read reports of that committee, as follows: —

Reports of Committee on School Houses; area of Primary school lot on Lexington street.

1. Upon the order — Nov. 11th — to request the City Council to enlarge the area of the Primary school lot on Lexington street. The committee recommended the

passage of the order. Accepted, and the order was adopted.

Comins District: Cottage place school.

2. Upon the order — Nov. 11th — as to the expediency of abandoning the Primary school-house in Cottage place, and the erection of a new six-room school-house. The committee reported for adoption the following order: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to consider the expediency of abandoning the Cottage-place school, and the erection of a new eight-room Primary school-house on or near Elmwood street.

Mr. Reynolds moved an amendment by striking out the word "eight" and inserting *six*.

Corporal punishment; special assignment.

The subject being under consideration, Mr. Ordway called for the special assignment, to wit, the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, upon the matter of corporal punishment in the public schools.

The committee submitted and recommended the passage of the following order, which the Chair read: —

Ordered, That corporal punishment be and the same is hereby abolished, as a method of discipline in our High, Grammar and Primary schools.

Mr. Allen, of Ward 1, moved that the question be taken separately with reference to the different classes of schools named in the order. Passed.

Resolution of thanks to the President.

Pending the consideration of the subject, Mr. Merrill, of Ward 14, moved that it be laid upon the table, temporarily, which was voted; and he then offered the following: —

Whereas, His Honor, Henry L. Pierce, has resigned his office as Mayor of the city, and will not meet again with this Board as its presiding officer, therefore: —

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be presented to His Honor Mayor Pierce, President of the School

Committee, for the able, impartial, and common-sense manner in which he has presided at the meetings during the year; and for the uniform courtesy and kindness which he has extended at all times to the members of the Board.

Mr. Merrill, of Ward 14, and Mr. Ordway spoke in advocacy of the resolve.

The question was taken by the members rising and standing in their places, and the resolution was unanimously adopted.

The President then made an appropriate response.

The subject which the Board had been considering was again taken from the table; but, before proceeding to its further consideration, Mr. Upham offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Abridged Fourth Music Reader be introduced as the text-book in Music in the High Schools and upper classes of the Grammar Schools. Abridged Fourth Music Reader.

Referred to the Committee on Text-books.

The meeting then adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 10, 1873.

A quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, and also a meeting of the Board by adjournment, was held at the City Hall, on Wednesday, December 10, 1873, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

Absent: Messrs. Beckley, Brigham, Carty, Clock, Colman, Connor, Cushing, Dunn, Dunning, Emery, Fogg, Fraser, Lane, Leonard, Maguire, Mason, McKendry, Moran, Edward G. Morse, Murphy, Nichols, Palmer, Read, of Ward 10, Shurtleff, Thornton, Tilden, Upham, Waldock, Washburn, Whelton, Willard, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

The President of the Board called the meeting to order, and then called Mr. Learnard to the chair, who presided over the meeting.

The Chair stated the business before the meeting to be the consideration of the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations on the matter of Corporal Punishment in the Public Schools. Corporal Punishment.

Upon motion of Mr. Reed, of Ward 6, it was voted to lay the matter upon the table.

The Chair stated that at the last meeting of the Board the order reported by the Committee on School Houses and School Sections — relative to the Cottage place school-house and the erection of an eight-room school-house on or near Elmwood street — was under consideration, and was now before the Board as unfinished business. Comins District. Cottage place school-house.

The Chair stated the question to be upon the amendment of Mr. Reynolds — to substitute *six* for eight in the order offered by the committee.

Mr. Prescott moved to amend the order by striking out "eight" and inserting *nine*. The Chair put the question upon this amendment, and the amendment was adopted; upon the order, as amended, and the order passed.

The following teachers were confirmed: —

Teachers confirmed, etc.

Lincoln School. — Henry H. Kimball, sub-master, and Francis A. Morse, usher.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation: —

Bigelow School District. — Elizabeth G. Bailey, Primary teacher, commencing Oct. 27.

Everett School District. — Adelaide B. Smith and Fanny M. Nason, Primary teachers, commencing Nov. 17th.

Gibson School. — Nellie J. Sanford, an assistant, commencing Dec. 11th.

Stoughton School. — Margaret E. Whittemore, an assistant, commencing Dec. 1st.

Evening Schools.

Evening Schools. — Anna H. Payson, an assistant in Dorchester, commencing Nov. 19th. Eliza F. Clark, in Harrison avenue. Grace Howard, in Cabot street, commencing Nov. 22d. Agnes W. Cobb, in Franklin Evening school, Margaret Knox in East Boston, and Miss Donegan in North Bennet street.

Evening Drawing Schools.

Evening Drawing Schools. — Messrs. Ekberg, Beèr, Roos, Jepson, and Mudge, as assistants.

The resignation of Mary E. Nichols, an assistant in the Bowditch School, was presented and accepted, to take effect Jan. 1st, 1874.

Quarterly Reports.

The quarterly reports on the several High Schools and the Normal School, and the Grammar School Districts were submitted and accepted, with the exception of the reports on the Roxbury High School and the Eliot,

Gibson, Mather, Norcross and Tileston School Districts, the committees upon which were granted further time to make their reports.

Mr. Sanford offered the following order, and moved a suspension of the rules for action thereon at this time: —

Ordered, That the Gibson School District Committee be authorized to appoint an additional assistant teacher for the Gibson Grammar School for the present school year.

Gibson School; additional assistant.

The rules were suspended and the order was adopted.

The Chair read, and the Board accepted, the resignation of Mr. Fitzgerald on the committee appointed agreeably to an order passed June 25th, to inquire into the charges affecting the reputation of Charles M. Cumston, head-master of the English High School.

Committee of Inquiry as to head-master of English High School; resignation of Mr. Fitzgerald.

The following orders were offered and referred to the Committee on School-houses, etc.: —

1. By Mr. Lothrop: —

Ordered, That the front lower room in the English High School, in Bedford street, be fitted up to receive the models, forms and other instrumentalities, and to be used for instruction in Drawing in that school.

English High School; room for models, forms, etc.

2. By Mr. Flint: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to fit up a suitable room in the Girls' High School building, on West Newton street, for the use of the classes in Drawing.

Girls' High School; rooms for classes in drawing.

3. By Mr. Flint: —

Ordered, That the easterly line of the Rice School section be changed from the centre of Harrison avenue to the centre of Washington street.

Rice School Section.

4. By Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish within the limits of the Everett District, a suitable lot for, and erect thereon, a six-room Primary school-house.

Everett District; new Primary school-house.

Upon motion of Mr. Allen, of Ward 12: —

New school district in Ward 12, named Andrew.

Ordered, That the new Grammar School District in Washington Village be named the Andrew School District.

Upon motion of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11: —

W. C. F. Tracy; police officer; services of.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to pay W. C. F. Tracy the sum of fifty dollars for services rendered this Board during the past year.

Reports of Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Prescott read the reports of the Committee on School Houses and School Sections upon matters which had been referred to that committee, as follows: —

1. Upon the order (Jan. 16th) directing that committee to consider the expediency of changing the boundary line between the Chapman and Prescott School sections; and offered the following order: —

Chapman and Prescott Sections; boundary lines.

Ordered, That so much of the Prescott School section as is comprised between Chelsea creek, the centre of Brook street, the centre of Trenton street, and the centre of Putnam street, be transferred to, and become part of, the Chapman section from and after this date.

The order passed.

Bowditch School-house; occupancy of.

2. Upon the order (Nov. 11th) directing the committee to inquire into the matter of the present accommodations of the Bowditch School, and the purposes for which the Bowditch School-house is now used: —

The committee reported that they had lately visited the schools, both Grammar and Primary, in the Bowditch District, and found them all well and comfortably situated. The Bowditch School-house, in South street, is occupied by eleven classes of the English High School, with a laboratory for the study of chemistry, and prospectively by the Evening High School, numbering between five and six hundred pupils, occupying twelve rooms. The changes made throughout have been in every respect

desirable; and, as all parties concerned are so well provided for, your committee do not recommend any change in the present arrangements.

The report was accepted.

3. Upon the order (Nov. 11th) proposing to request the City Council to consider the expediency of erecting, in connection with the buildings of the Latin and English High Schools, suitable accommodations for the use of the School Committee, etc.; reporting in favor of the passage of the order.

Accommodations for School Committee in English High and Latin school-house.

Accepted; and the question being taken upon said order, the order was adopted.

The committee also submitted for adoption the following order: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to enlarge the lot recently purchased for the English High and Latin Schools by the purchase of additional land.

English High and Latin schools; additional land.

The order was adopted.

Mr. Slade, Chairman of the Committee on Vocal and Physical Culture and Military Drill, submitted the report of that committee required by the rules of the Board.

Report of Committee on Vocal and Physical Culture, etc.

The committee nominated, as teacher in vocal culture, Mr. Moses T. Brown, for the term of six months, his compensation to be $2,500.

Instructor nominated; salary of.

Mr. Slade moved a suspension of the rules for the proposition to be acted upon at this time; but, a quorum not voting, the subject was referred to the Committee on Salaries, — by the rules of the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Flint: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Text-books report in print the names and publishers of the various text-books authorized in each of the High Schools.

Names and publishers of Text-books in High Schools.

Upon motion of Mr. Monroe, it was voted that, when the Board adjourn, it adjourn to Tuesday evening, the 23d inst.

Adjournment.

Corporal punishment; special assignment.

Mr. Ordway moved, and it was voted to take up the subject of Corporal Punishment.

Mr. Ordway then moved, and it was voted that the subject be assigned for consideration at eight and one-half o'clock, at the next meeting of the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Allen, of Ward 14: —

Legality of women serving as members of the School Committee.

Ordered, That the President of this Board be directed to obtain the opinion of the City Solicitor as to the legality of women serving as members of the School Committee, and communicate the same to the next meeting of this Board.

Report of Committee on Text-books.

Mr. Flint, from the Committee on Text-books, to whom was recommitted at the last meeting the annual report of that committee, made June 10th, submitted again in print the report of that committee, embracing the following orders: —

Ordered, That Bradbury's Eaton's Elementary Algebra and Bradbury's Elementary Geometry and Trigonometry be introduced as text-books in the Girls' High School, in the place of whatever text-books on these subjects are now used in that school.

Ordered, That Stewart's Elementary Physics, in the place of Wells' Natural Philosophy; that Böcher's Otto's French Reader, in the place of Les Princes de l'Art; Student's Classic French Plays, in the place of Collot's Readers; Schlegel's First German Reader, in the place of Krauss' First Book; Alden's Science of Government, in the place of Barber's Constitution; French Phrase Book, and Peabody's Moral Philosophy; be introduced into the Girls' High School.

Ordered, That Thalheimer's Manual of Ancient History be introduced as a text-book in the Girls' High School.

Ordered, That Guyot's Physical Geography be introduced as a text-book in the High Schools.

Ordered, That Hooker's Child's Book of Nature be introduced as a text-book in all the Grammar Schools, the classes and the mode in which it shall be used in each school to be left to the discretion of each district committee, on consultation with the master.

Ordered, That Reclus' "Earth," and Reclus' "Ocean," and the sequel to these, "The Atmosphere," by Flammarion, be added to the list of reference books in the Grammar and High Schools.

Ordered, That Underwood's Handbooks of English Literature be used as text-books in all the High Schools.

Ordered, That, as the classes come forward to use the Fourth Reader in Hillard's series, the Franklin Fourth — virtually a new edition of Hillard's Fourth, with improvements and additions — be used in its place.

Ordered, That one set of Cutter's Physiological Charts be procured for each of the High and Grammar Schools.

Ordered, That all the text-books now in use in the Public Schools be continued, save such as are displaced by any of the above orders.

The same committee also reported upon two matters referred to them at the last meeting: —

1. Upon the order for introducing the "Abridged Fourth Music Reader" as a text-book in Music, in the High Schools and the upper classes in the Grammar Schools.

The committee reported the proceedings which had been had respecting the book named in the order, and left it to the Board, if they saw fit, to introduce the book into the schools.

2. Upon the order requesting the committee to report "whether any text-books are permitted for use in the

public schools in non-conformity with the general statutes."

The committee reported progress, and asked to be allowed further time.

The report was taken up, and was being considered, — upon a motion made by Mr. Flint to adopt the first of the orders, — when, on motion of Mr. Hutchins, the meeting adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 23, 1873.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held, by adjournment, at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the twenty-third day of December, 1873, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M. Mr. Learnard in the Chair.

Absent: Messrs. Beckley, Chaney, Clock, Colman, Deblois, Dunn, Fogg, Hobbs, Lloyd, Lothrop, Maguire, McKendry, Moran, Murphy, Nichols, Rankin, Read, of Ward 10, Shurtleff, Thornton, Waldock, Whelton, and the President of the Board. Absent.

The Chair read the following communication: —

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE,
2 PEMBERTON SQUARE,
BOSTON, Dec. 23, 1873.

SIR,— Having duly considered the question proposed by you, in behalf of the School Committee, to me, namely, whether women may legally be members of the School Committee, I beg leave to say that, in my opinion, women cannot legally be elected to, or perform the duties of, that office. Legality of women serving as members of the School Committee; City Solicitor's opinion.

In answer to questions propounded by the Governor and Council, our Supreme Judicial Court have decided that women cannot be appointed to or exercise the duties of Justice of the Peace; and the reasons assigned in that decision are applicable to the question now under

consideration. See Massachusetts Reports, vol. 107, p. 604.

I am, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. P. HEALY.

HON. LEONARD R. CUTTER,
President of the School Committee.

Upon motion of Mr. Sanford, the communication was referred to next board.

Report of the Committee on Text-books.

The Chair stated that the business before the Board was the unfinished business of the last meeting, to wit, the consideration of the orders reported by the Committee on Text-books.

The first three of the orders were successively adopted. The fourth order was under consideration, when Mr. Ordway called for the special assignment, the subject of corporal punishment in the public schools.

Corporal punishment; special assignment.

The subject was taken up, and was considered.

Mr. Sanford moved to substitute for the order reported by the committee, the proposition offered by him June 6th, to wit, to amend Sect. 14, Chap. IX. of the Rules and Regulations, by adding the following: "Corporal punishment shall not be inflicted upon any member of either of the High schools in this city; and in no case shall corporal punishment be inflicted upon any scholar for any offence until at least twenty-four hours after the offence is committed for which such punishment is inflicted."

Mr. Monroe moved to amend by adding to the order reported by the committee, the following words, to wit: —

"In all cases except in those of direct and flagrant resistance to the authority of the teachers; and that no corporal punishment shall in any case be administered except

after consulting with the master of the school in which such infraction of discipline shall occur."

Pending discussion, the subject was, on motion of Mr. Washburn, temporarily laid on the table.

Mr. Washburn then offered the following resolve: —

Resolved, That the thanks of this Committee are hereby cordially tendered to the Hon. William H. Learnard, Jr., for the very able manner in which he has on many occasions discharged the duty of Chairman of the Board, during the past year.

Resolution of thanks to Wm. H. Learnard, Jr.

Mr. Washburn and Mr. Monroe offered remarks in furtherance of the resolution.

The question was taken by a rising vote, and the resolve was unanimously adopted.

The subject which had been before the meeting was then taken from the table and was considered; — the speakers, on motion of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 14, being limited to three minutes each, except the chairman of the committee whose report was being considered.

After further discussion, the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Shattuck.

On motion of Mr. Ordway, it was voted to take the yeas and nays on the amendment, the substitute, and upon the main question.

The question being upon Mr. Monroe's amendment, the yeas and nays were taken, as follows: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 1, Badger, Brown, Connor, Cruft, Curtis, Dillaway, Dunning, Emery, Fabyan, Filkins, Frazer, Lane, Leonard, Mahan, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, Merrill, of Ward 11, Monroe, Noble, O'Kane, Peterson, Porter, of Ward 2, Reed, of Ward 6, Reynolds, Richardson, Ricker, Seaverns, Shattuck, Slade, Willard,

Wilson, Woods, and the President of the Common Council. — 36.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 12, Baldwin, Cushing, Fennelly, Fitzgerald, Flint, Hutchins, Mason, McDonough, Edward G. Morse, James Morse, Moseley, Ordway, Prescott, Sanford, Stedman, Tilden, and Toland. — 20.

Thirty-six gentlemen voted yea, and twenty gentlemen voted nay; the amendment was therefore adopted.

The question was then upon the substitute offered by Mr. Sanford, upon which that gentleman called for a division of the question; and the yeas and nays were taken, upon that portion relating to corporal punishment in the High Schools, as follows: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 1, Baldwin, Brown, Connor, Cruft, Curtis, Cushing, Fabyan, Filkins, Fitzgerald, Flint, Fraser, Lane, Leonard, Mahan, Mason, McDonough, Merrill, of Ward 11, Moseley, O'Kane, Ordway, Peterson, Porter, of Ward 2, Ricker, Sanford, Seaverns, Shattuck, Slade, and Woods. — 31.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 12, Badger, Dillaway, Dunning, Emery, Fennelly, Hutchins, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, Monroe, Edward G. Morse, James Morse, Noble, Palmer, Prescott, Reed, of Ward 6, Reynolds, Richardson, Stedman, Tilden, Toland, Wentworth, Willard, Wilson, and the President of the Common Council. — 27.

Thirty-one gentlemen voted yea, and twenty-seven gentlemen voted nay; and that portion of the substitute was adopted.

The question was then taken upon the second portion of Mr. Sanford's substitute, as follows: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Cushing, Mason, McDonough, Moseley, O'Kane, Ordway, Sanford, and Woods. — 9.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 12, Allen, of Ward 1, Badger, Baldwin, Brown, Connor, Cruft, Curtis, Dillaway, Dunning, Emery, Fabyan, Fennelly, Filkins, Fitzgerald, Hutchins, Lane, Leonard, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, Merrill of Ward 11, Monroe, Edward G. Morse, James Morse, Noble, Palmer, Peterson, Prescott, Reed, of Ward 6, Reynolds, Richardson, Ricker, Seaverns, Shattuck, Slade, Stedman, Tilden, Toland, Wentworth, Willard, and Wilson. — 44.

Nine gentlemen voted yea, and forty-four gentlemen voted nay; so the proposition was lost.

The question was then upon adopting the substitute prohibiting the infliction of corporal punishment in the high schools.

Adjournment.

But, before taking the question, Mr. Prescott moved, and it was voted that when the Board adjourn, it be to Tuesday, the sixth day of January, 1874, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

There being then no quorum present, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary.*

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Jan. 6, 1874.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held, by adjournment, at the City Hall, on Tuesday the sixth day of January, 1874, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.; — Mr. Learnard in the Chair.

After the hour appointed for the meeting, a question arising as to whether a quorum was present, on motion of Mr. Ricker it was voted that the roll be called; and the following gentlemen were recorded as absent; viz., Messrs. Beckley, Brigham, Chaney, Clock, Colman, Connor, Curtis, Cushing, Dillaway, Dunn, Dunning, Emery, Fogg, Fraser, Hobbs, Jarvis, Lloyd, Lothrop, Maguire, Mahan, McDonough, McKendry, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, Monroe, Moran, Edward G. Morse, Nichols, Palmer, Perkins, Plummer, Quinn, Rankin, Read, of Ward 10, Reynolds, Shurtleff, Stedman, Thornton, Tucker, Upham, Waldock, Washburn, Whelton, the President of the Board, and the President of the Common Council.

Roll-call.

Absent.

Messrs. Chaney, E. G. Morse, and Rankin afterwards appeared and were present at the meeting.

The Chair stated the business to be the question before the Board when it adjourned at the last meeting; viz., upon adopting the substitute prohibiting the infliction of corporal punishment in the high schools. The question was taken by yeas and nays, as follows: —

Corporal punishment abolished in High schools.

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 1, Baldwin, Bigelow, Brown, Carty, Cruft, Deblois, Fabyan, Filkins, Fitzgerald, Flint, Foster, Lane, Learnard, Mason, Merrill, of Ward 11,

Yeas and nays.

Moseley, Murphy, O'Kane, Ordway, Peterson, Porter, of Ward 16, Porter, of Ward 2, Ricker, Sanford, Seaverns, Shattuck, Slade, Thayer, and Woods. — 32.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Allen of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 12, Badger, Campbell, Fennelly, Hutchins, Leonard, James Morse, Noble, Prescott, Reed, of Ward 6, Richardson, Tilden, Toland, Wentworth, Willard, and Wilson. — 18.

Thirty-two gentlemen voted yea, and eighteen gentlemen voted nay; so the said substitute was adopted.

Report of committee on Text-Books.

The report of the Committee on Text-Books was then taken up.

The question being upon the fourth of the orders reported by the committee, Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, moved that so much of the report as related to Guyot's Physical Geography be laid upon the table, and the motion passed.

Upon motion of Mr. Brown, so much of the report as relates to Hooker's Child's Book of Nature was laid upon the table.

The sixth and the seventh of the orders were successively passed.

The eighth order was lost; the decision of the Chair being that the proposed book is a *new* book.

The ninth order was, on motion of Mr. Mason, referred to the next Board.

The tenth order was likewise, on motion of Mr. James Morse, referred to the next Board.

Upon motion of Mr. O'Kane, it was voted to refer to the next Board the supplementary report made by the Committee on Text-Books, Dec. 10th.

Teachers confirmed, etc.

The following teachers were confirmed: —

Andrew School District. — Elizabeth A. Winwood, master's head-assistant, Mary E. Perkins, and Emma C.

Perkins, assistants, Jessie C. Tileston and Elizabeth Ordway, Primary teachers.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation: —

Andrew School. — Mrs. Mercy L. Parr, as sewing-teacher.

Bowditch School. — Lydia E. Bacon, an assistant, commencing Jan. 1st.

Dwight School. — Walter S. Parker, sub-master, commencing Jan. 1st, under a suspension of the rules.

Upon motion of Mr. Baldwin: —

Kindergarten School.

Ordered, That Miss Lucy H. Symonds be transferred from the Brimmer School to the Kindergarten School, in accordance with the desire of the respective committees.

The resignations of the following teachers were presented and accepted: —

Girls' High School. — Julia A. Jellison.

Andrew School District. — Grace E. Gragg, a Primary teacher.

Dwight School. — Silas H. Haskell, sub-master.

Mr. Prescott read reports of the Committee on School-houses, etc., upon matters referred to that committee.

Reports of Committee on School-houses, etc.

1. Upon the order (Dec. 10th) proposing that a room in the English High School-house be fitted up to receive models, etc., and to be used for instruction in Drawing; recommending that the order pass. The order was adopted.

English High School; room for models, forms, etc.

2. Upon the order (Dec. 10th) to request the City Council to fit up a room in the Girls' High School-house for the use of the classes in Drawing; recommending the passage of the order. The order was adopted.

Girls' High School; room for classes in Drawing.

3. Upon the order (Dec. 10th) proposing a change in the boundary lines of the Rice School Section, and

Rice school-section.

Everett District, New Primary School-house.

4. Upon the order (Dec. 10th) that the City Council be requested to erect a six-room Primary school-house for the Everett School District; recommending that said orders be referred to the next Board. The recommendations of the committee were adopted.

Mr. Allen, of Ward 1, offered the following: —

Evening Schools; number of members on.

Ordered, That Section 2, Chapter I., of the Rules and Regulations be so amended that the committee on Evening Schools shall consist of nine members instead of seven.

Referred to the next Board, on motion of Mr. Ordway.

Upon motion of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, and under a suspension of the rules: —

Dwight School; John Jameson's services.

Ordered, That the sum of three hundred dollars be paid to Mr. John Jameson, for services rendered as sub-master in the Dwight School, from Sept. 1, 1873, to Jan. 1, 1874.

Reports of Committee on Salaries. Girl's High School; salary of head-master's second assistant.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Salaries, recommended the passage of the order (Nov. 24th) proposing that the salary of the head-master's second assistant in the Girls' High School be fixed at $1,500 per year. The question was taken upon the order and it was adopted.

Vocal and Physical Culture. Salary of instructor.

Mr. Brown, from the same committee, reported upon the recommendation of the Committee on Vocal and Physical Culture and Military Drill (Dec. 10th), that the salary of Moses T. Brown, as teacher in vocal culture, be $2,500; and offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the salary of the teacher of Elocution be fixed at fifteen hundred dollars, for six months' service to be given during the present school year.

Mr. Slade moved that $2,500 be substituted in the order for $1,500.

On motion of Mr. Cruft the subject was referred to the next Board.

On motion of Mr. Hutchins, all unfinished business was referred to the next Board. Unfinished business.

On motion of Mr. Hutchins, the fifth of the orders of the report of the Committee on Text-Books — relative to Hooker's Child's Book of Nature — was taken from the table and referred to the next Board. Text-Books.

Upon motion of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, the meeting dissolved.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary.*

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